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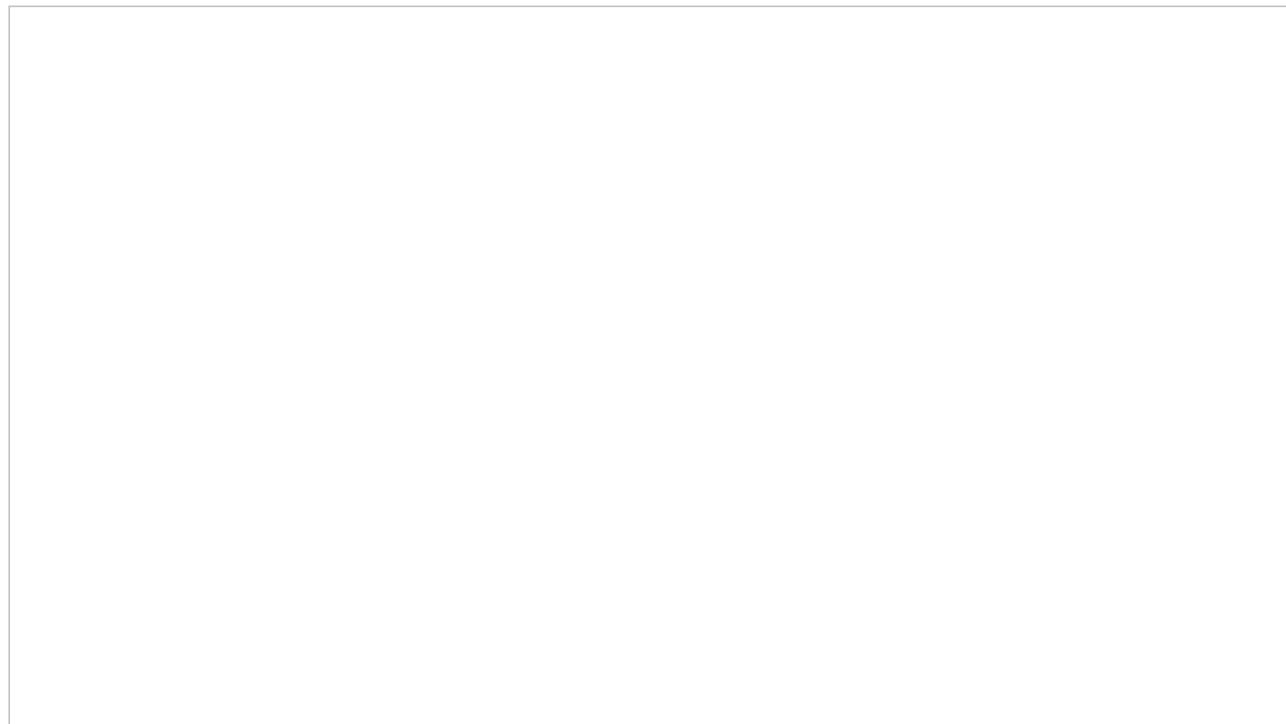
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Yesterday, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was formally restored to full membership for the first time in nearly ten years with the swearing in of two new recently confirmed Commissioners. Here's the [release](#) from the EAC:

*Today, U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairman Tom Hicks administered the oath of office to newly appointed EAC Commissioners Benjamin Hovland and Donald Palmer. Hovland and Palmer join current Chairman Hicks and Vice Chair Christy McCormick, marking the first time in a decade that the commission has had a full quorum of Commissioners. Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, attended the event and offered remarks to mark the occasion.*

*Hovland and Palmer were confirmed by the U.S. Senate on January 2, 2019. Today's private ceremony was co-hosted by Senator Blunt and Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. It took place in the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration Committee Room in the Russell Senate Office Building.*

*"The EAC and the Help America Vote Act are of as much value to voters and election officials today as it has been at any other time since its inception," said Chairman Hicks. "We are thrilled to welcome Commissioners Hovland and Palmer to the EAC, and we look forward to working with them to address vital election administration issues, including system guidelines, security, and accessibility."*

*Vice Chair McCormick added, "There have been huge changes to the way elections are administered in the U.S. since the Commission was created, and those changes have only accelerated. While we each come from different backgrounds and experiences, and may hold different opinions on some issues, I am confident that those differences will help us be smarter and stronger as we collaborate together to make the best possible choices to impact and improve elections in America and to help Americans vote."*

*Hovland came to the EAC after serving as an election attorney for the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, where he spent much of his time focused on improving access to registration and voting. Previously, he served as the Deputy General*

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*Counsel for the Missouri Secretary of State's office, where he focused on legal issues related to the administration of state and federal elections, including recounts, poll worker training, voter registration list maintenance, statewide database matching, voter education resources, and ballot initiative litigation.*

*Palmer previously served as a Bipartisan Policy Center fellow focusing on the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. He formerly served as elections director in both Florida and Virginia, as well as a member of the EAC's Standards Board Executive Board and its Technical Guidelines Development Committee. Prior to his work in elections, he served as a trial attorney with the Voting Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, where he enforced federal voting laws and provided guidance to states on compliance. Palmer began his career as a U.S. Navy intelligence officer and judge advocate general deployed overseas onboard the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy and tours of duty in Italy, Florida and Washington, D.C.*

Full membership puts the EAC formally back in the game on many issues, including voting system standards and management of federal election administration funding, and ensures that the EAC can continue to support the work to collect and analyze data on state and local election administration nationwide. It's fantastic news – congratulations to all four Commissioners, new and continuing, and here's hoping the EAC is able to hit the ground running as the 2020 election cycle races toward us! Stay tuned ...

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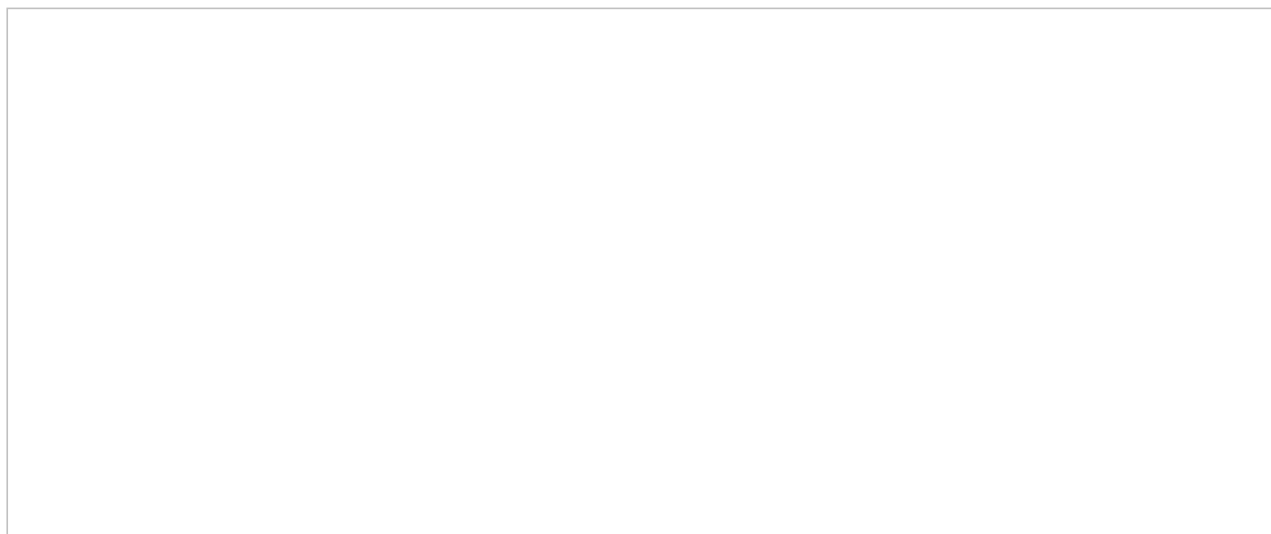
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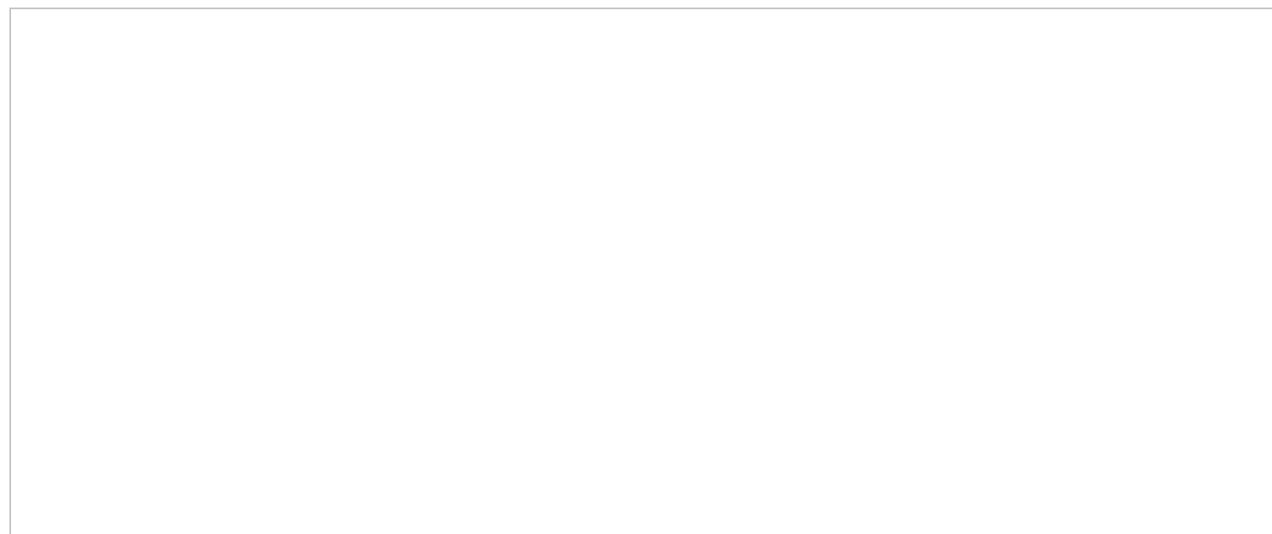
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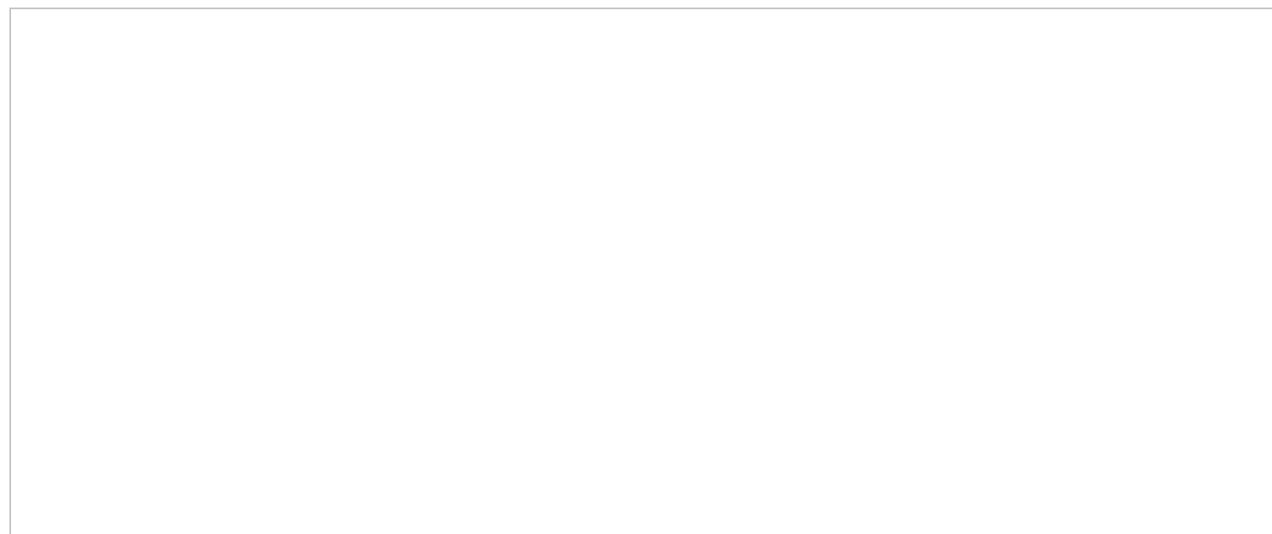
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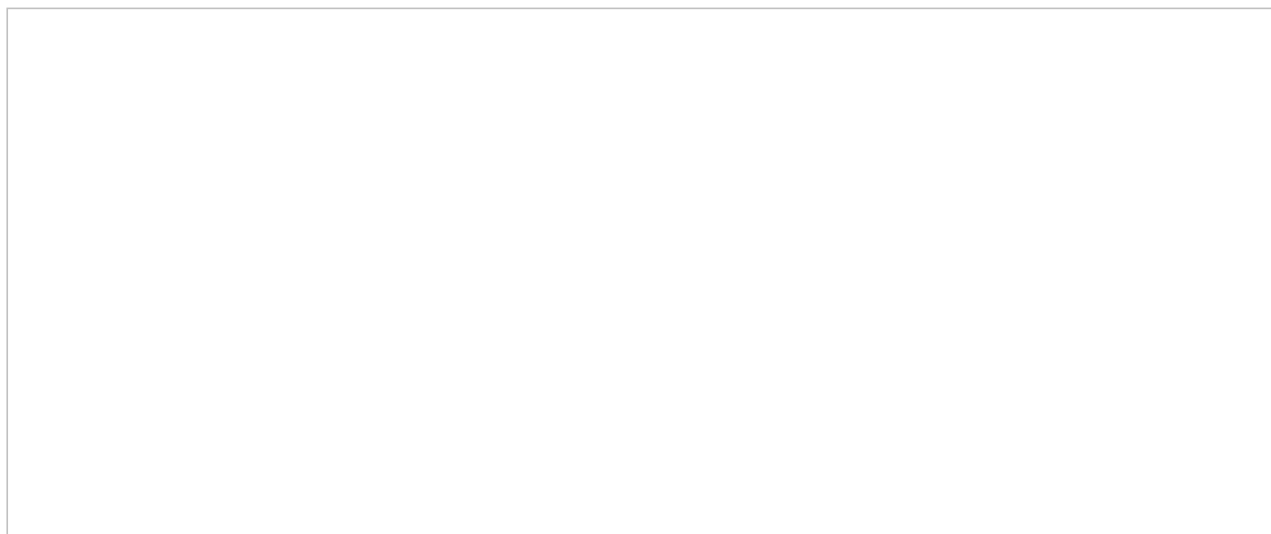
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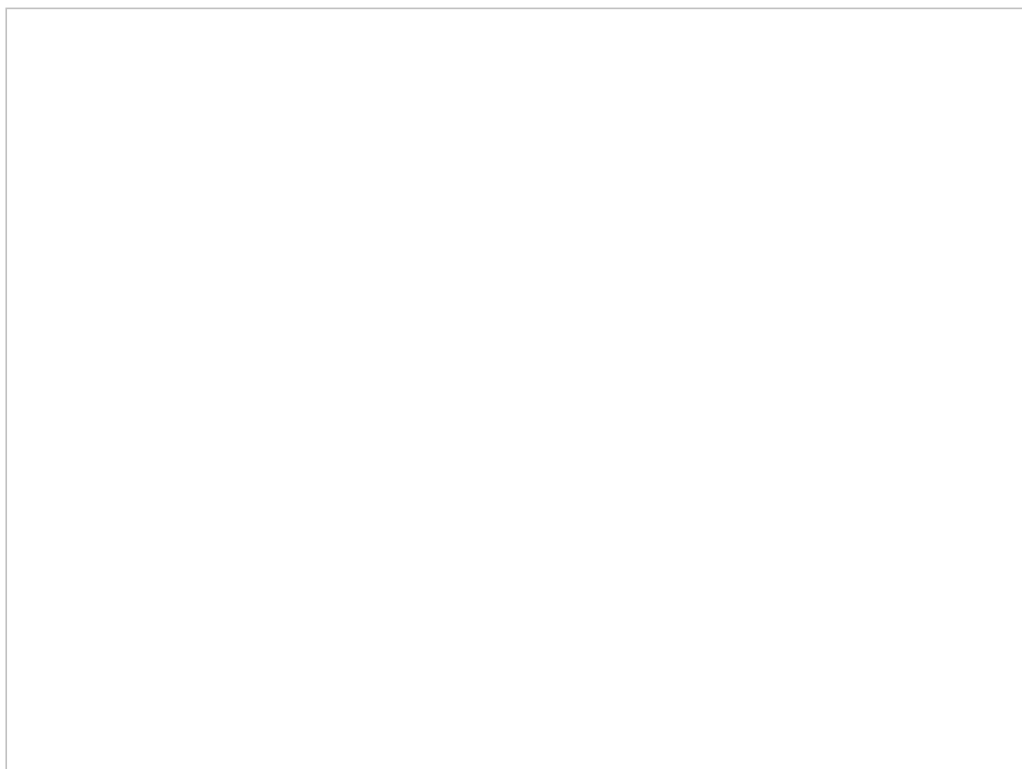
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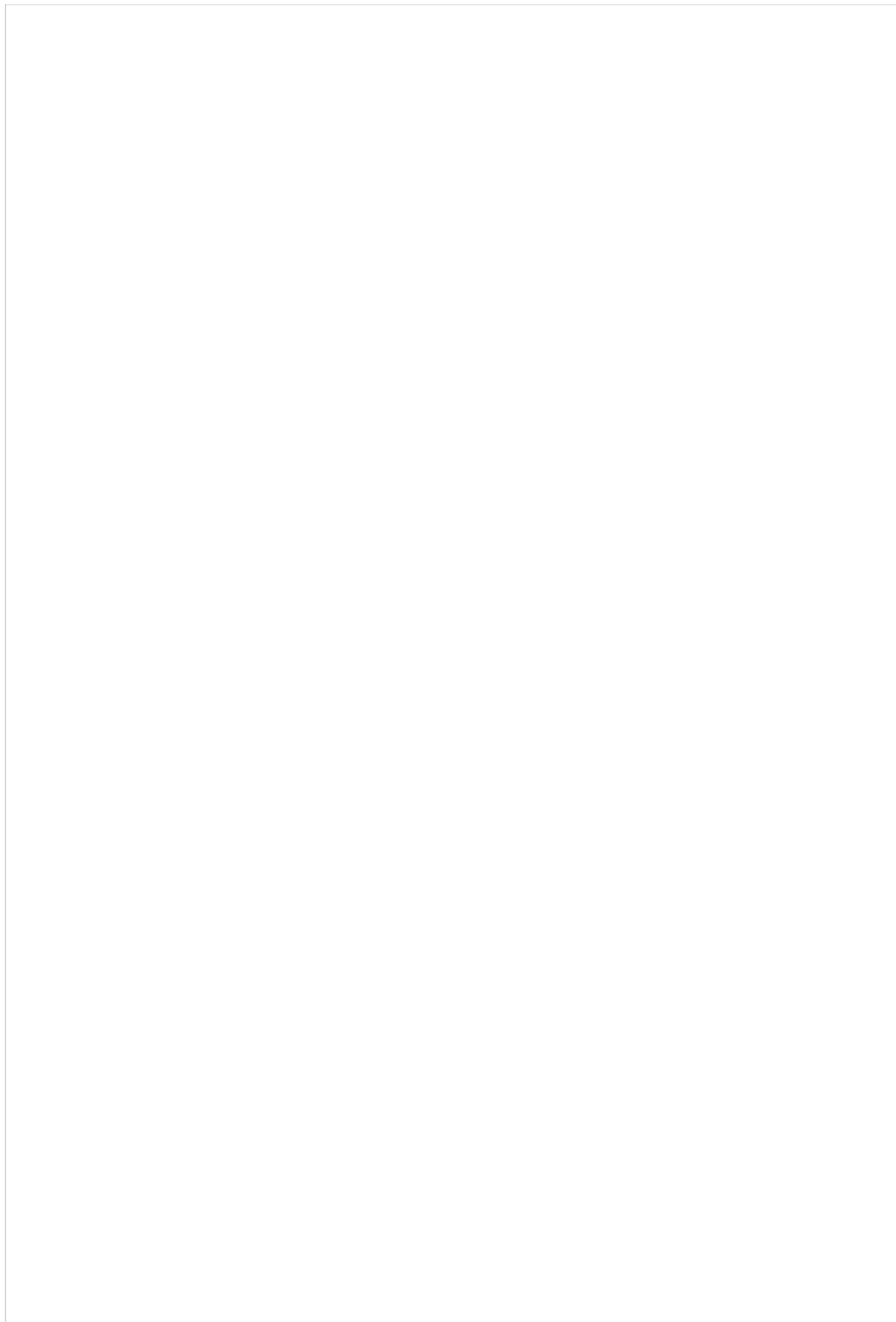
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[Brian Hancock with EAC Commissioner Ben Hovland – Images via [eac](#)]

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I'm not sure why all these people I know are retiring, when I am not getting any older ... but I can say without a doubt that no one has dedicated more of his life to the American election system than Brian Hancock. His retirement is simultaneously well-earned and too soon ... and I thank him and wish him well for a lifetime of public service. I'd be shocked if he's leaving the field entirely – so stay tuned!

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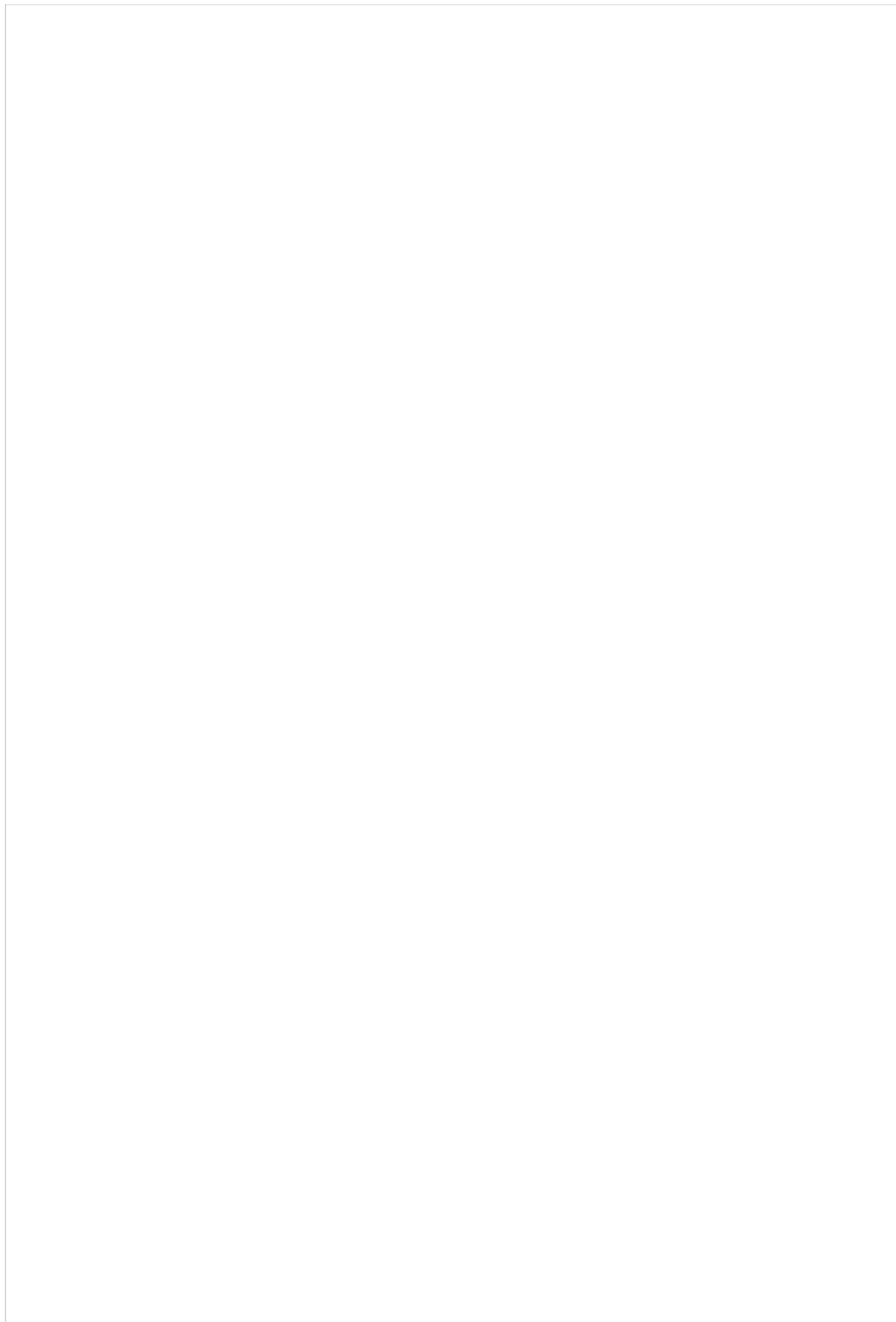
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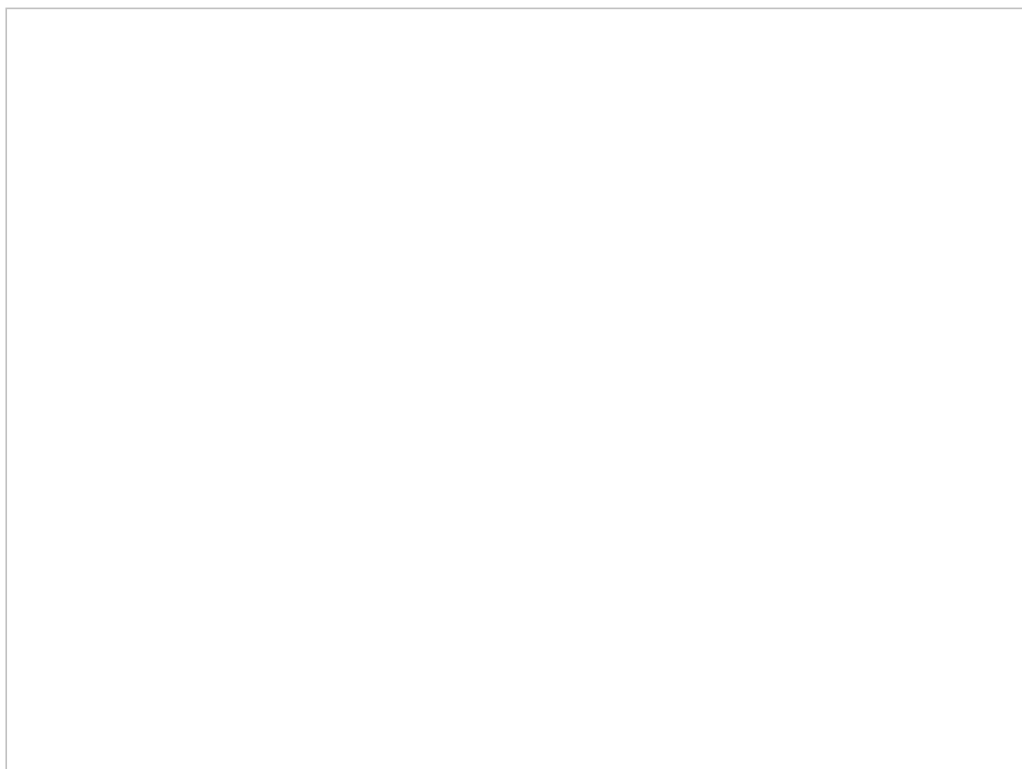
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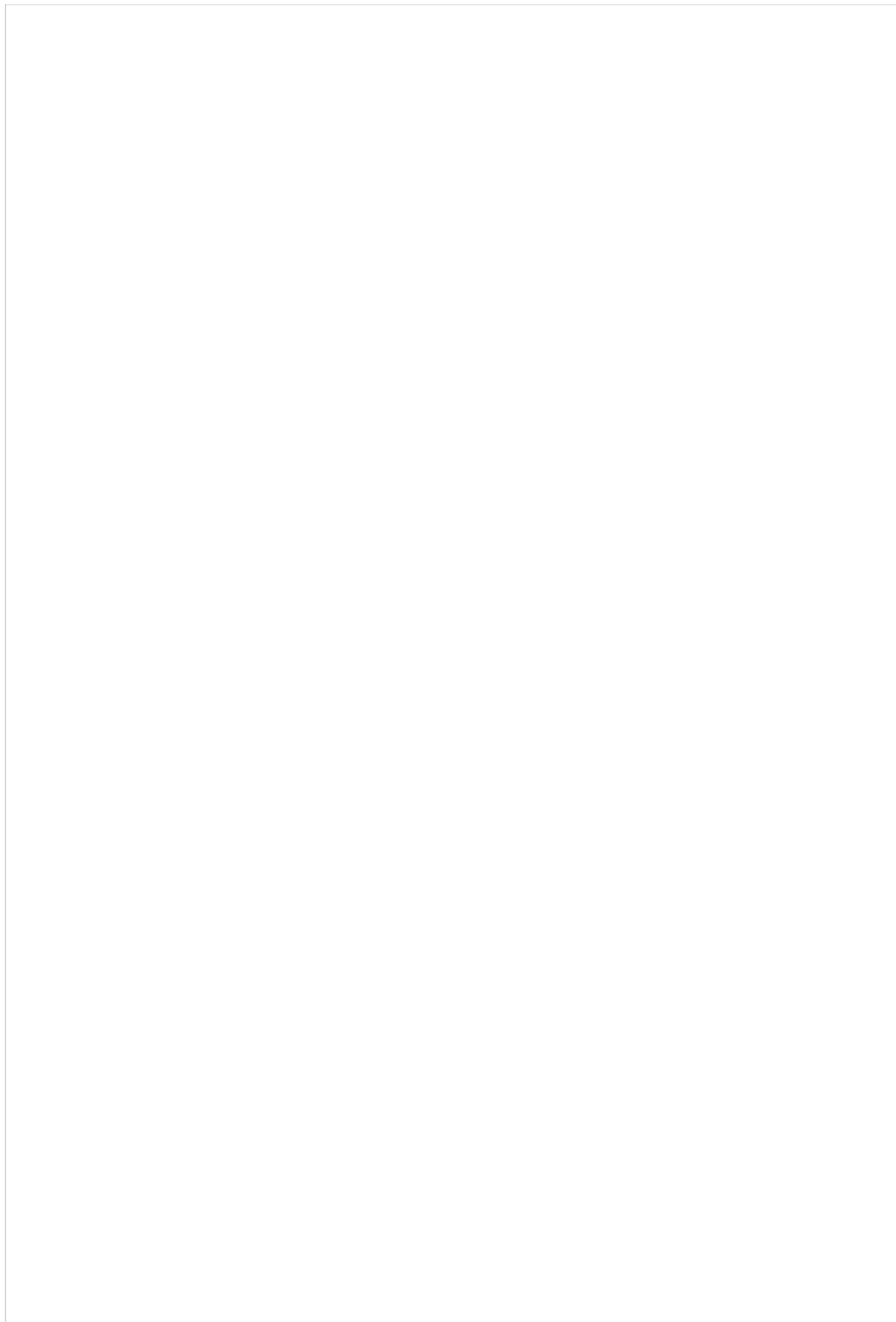
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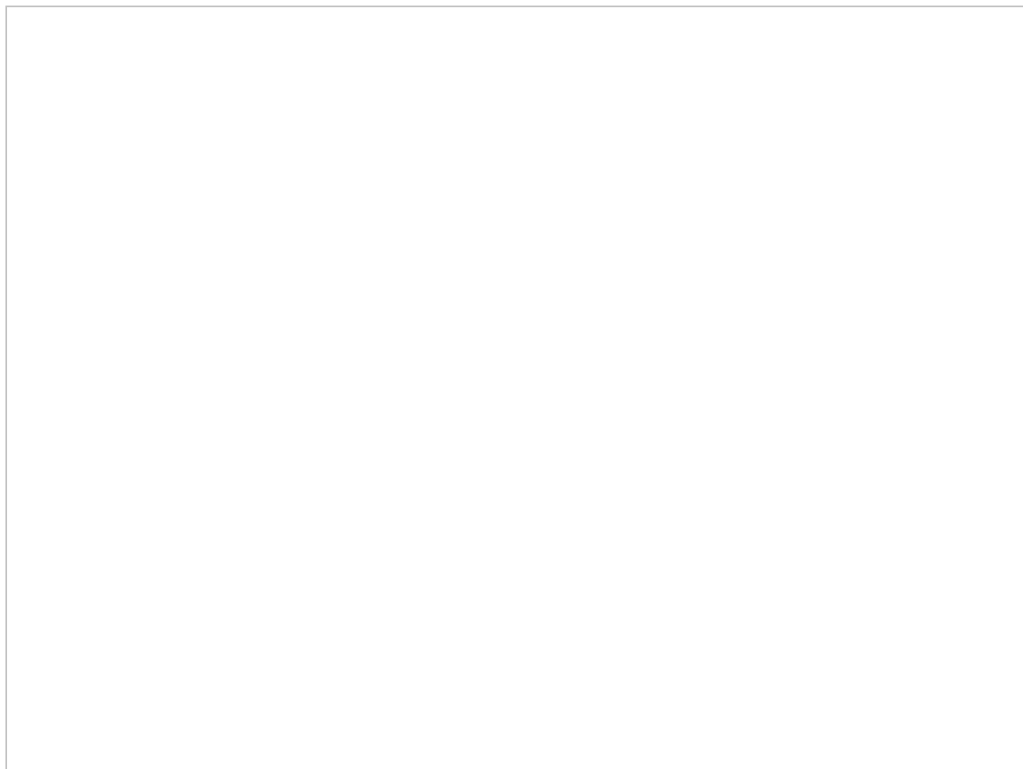
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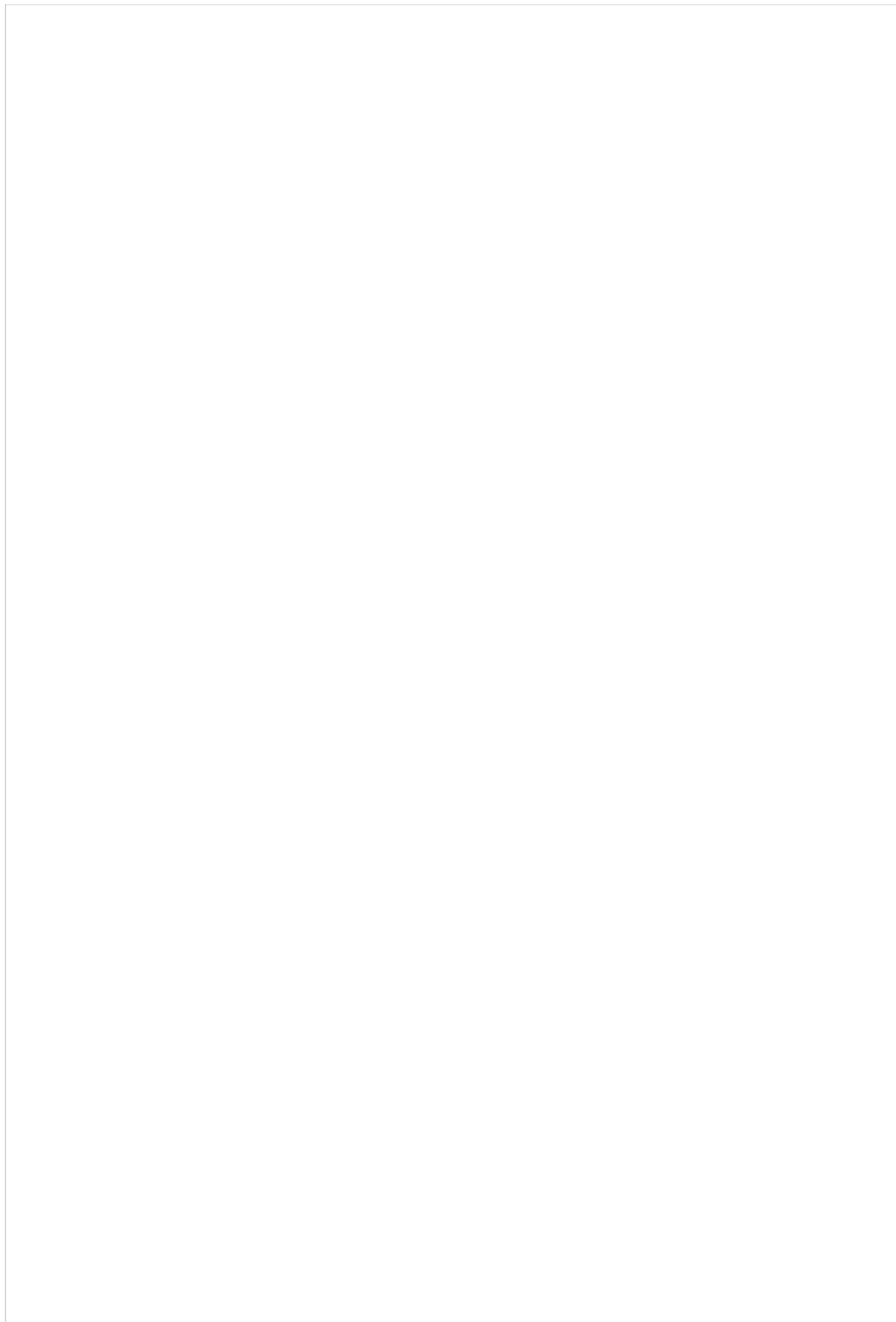
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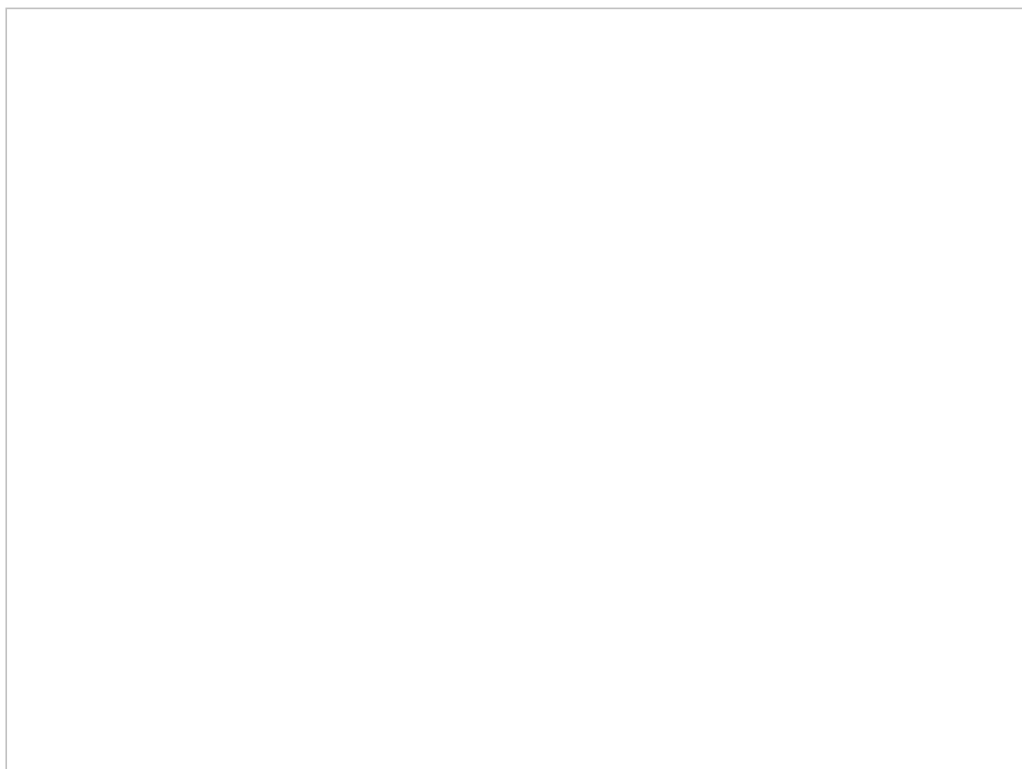
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*Remember back in yesterday's newsletter when we said Texas Tech beat Kentucky? April Fools! The Red Raiders actually overcame Gonzaga to earn their spot in the Final Four. We regret the error. Don't worry, Duke is still a loser.*

Zion Williamson No GIF by Duke Men's Basketball

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### 1. MEASLES OUTBREAK

The number of U.S. measles cases in the first three months of 2019 already tops the amount of cases in all of 2018. Through March of this year, the U.S. has seen 387 cases while the entirety of last year consisted of 372.

[ABC NEWS](#)



### 2. NIPSEY HUSSLE VIGIL

At least 19 people were hurt when a stampede broke out at a vigil for the slain rapper Nipsey Hussle in L.A. Police are looking for a suspect in that murder: a 29-year-old man named Eric Holder. [USA TODAY](#)



### 3. IMMIGRATION CZAR

President Trump is reportedly considering the appointment of an "immigration czar" to head up his immigration policies. Those said to be in the running for the new position are Kris Kobach, former Kansas secretary of state, and Ken Cuccinelli, former attorney general of Virginia. [AP](#)



### 4. BUTTIGIEG BOOM

Presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg said he's raised \$7 million so far this year without having virtually any ground game. Known as Mayor Pete, the 37-year-old, openly gay, war veteran underdog has been making waves in the early Democratic field despite having little experience and a nearly unpronounceable name. (It's *BOOT-edge-edge*.) [INDY STAR](#)



### 5. EQUAL PAY DAY



Today is “Equal Pay Day,” which symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. People will be wearing red to mark the day. Women still make approximately 80 cents on the dollar compared to their white male counterparts. [THE ROOT](#)

Poor Lena Dunham GIF by Girls on HBO

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## 6. IMPOSSIBLE WHOPPER

The alternative meat trend is taking a big step into the mainstream. Burger King will add a vegetarian version of the Whopper with a plant-based patty to the menu in partnership with Impossible Foods, which says it tastes nearly identical to beef. [TIME](#)

☐ *We'll debate whether this is a legit trend or a flash in the pan on Wake Up with Cheddar this morning at 8 a.m. ET*



## 7. JAGGER HEART SURGERY

Mick Jagger is set to undergo heart valve surgery this week. The news comes after the Rolling Stones postponed the North American part of their tour. The 75-year-old frontman is in excellent health and is expected to make a full recovery. [ROLLING STONE](#)

*Stent Me Up.*



## 8. DAVID BLAINE

The New York City Police Department is investigating sexual assault allegations made by two women against magician David Blaine. At least one of the two claims stems from an alleged incident in the late '90s. [DAILY BEAST](#)

*Here's hoping he doesn't disappear.*



## 9 AVOCADO SOS

If President Trump shuts down the U.S.-Mexico border, avocados may be hard to come by. The U.S. would run out of the popular fruit in three weeks, according to Mission Produce, the largest international distributor and grower of avocados. They wouldn't be the only casualty; the U.S. relies on Mexico for other fruit, vegetables and alcohol. [NBC NEWS](#)

[@ryanbroems](#): “How do we get millenials more engaged in the border crisis?” “Threaten their avocado toast.”



## 10. LA VS. NY

In one of the more clever April Fools' Day pranks, the *Los Angeles Times* trolled New York City's holier-than-thou attitude toward other cities' food scenes in a prank column. “Seemingly an unlivable urban wasteland,” NYC actually has an “expanding dining scene” that includes such fare as ... pizza and bagels. [READ IT](#)

Home Alone Pizza GIF

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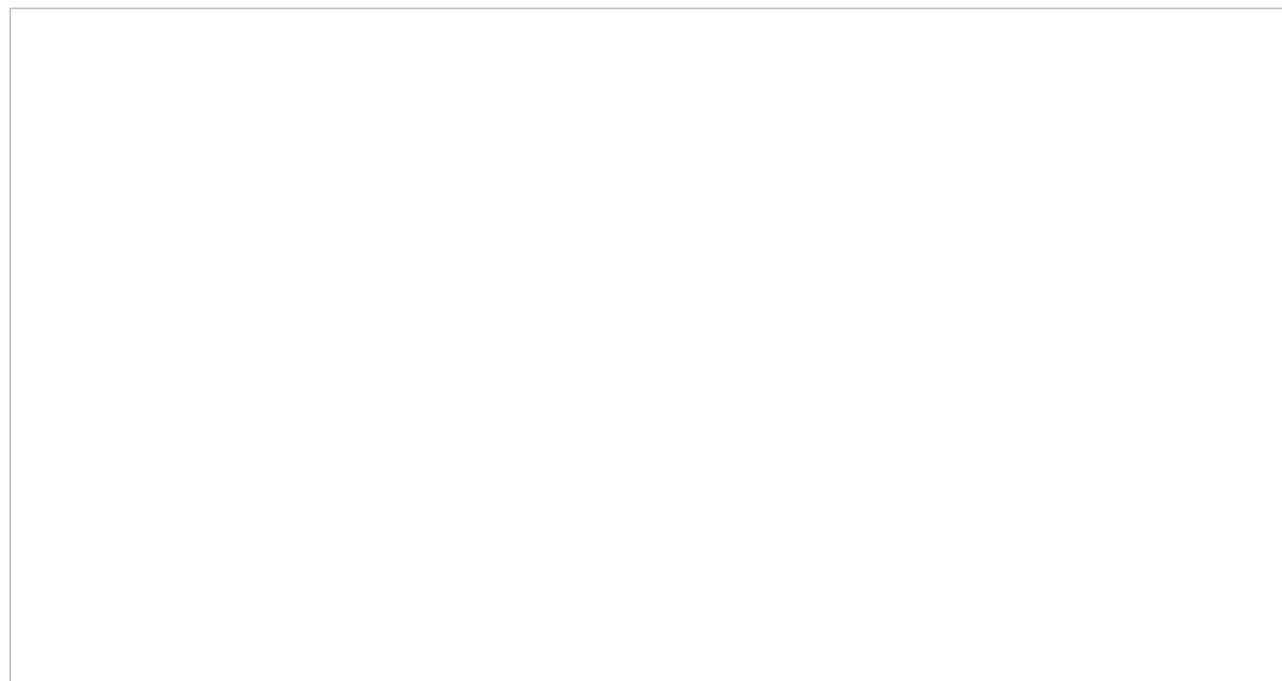
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**Arkansas** has spent almost all of its funds already to establish cost-sharing agreements with the counties to replace aging voting equipment. The acquisitions ensure that a paper trail for ballots cast is present in all Arkansas counties and almost 70 percent of Arkansas voters are voting on a new integrated election equipment system. Of the initial \$4,724,225 in funds available through federal appropriations, the required state match and interest, as of Sept. 30, 2018, Arkansas had only \$44,305 in funds remaining.

**Colorado** plans to use its \$6,342,979 in 2018 HAVA Funds to enhance technology and security in the state's election process, including work to improve risk-limiting audits and other audits of election-related systems in 2019 and beyond.

**Delaware** plans to purchase new voting equipment, including a new voting system that has a voter verifiable paper audit trail, an absentee voting system and an Election Management/Voter Registration system that will move elections from the state's aging mainframe.

**Indiana** helped counties implement multi-factor authentication systems for accessing voting equipment and conducted cybersecurity training for all county officials during the state's annual election administrators conference. Going forward, the state plans to acquire additional election technology, implement e-poll book vendor network security enhancements, deploy auditable voting systems and perform election night reporting security enhancements.

**Iowa** conducted cybersecurity training seminars for county auditors and staff and participated in a pilot program for a self-assessment cybersecurity tool. The Secretary of State's Office also implemented two-factor authentication for access to the statewide voter registration system, purchased additional security protections for the state's election night reporting system and partnered with the Department of Homeland Security to conduct two tabletop exercises.

**Massachusetts** made network security upgrades to its voter registration system, hired a network security engineer and conducted security training for election staff. The Secretary of State's Office also plans to use funds to acquire new voting equipment, upgrade the state's voter registration system and improve the cybersecurity of its election system.

**New Mexico** hired a full-time IT security and compliance administrator whose responsibilities include implementing additional security practices to safeguard sensitive data and election systems, and protecting against cyber vulnerabilities. The state also purchased scan tabulation systems that feature ballot image capture and audit capabilities.

**Rhode Island** purchased a database platform for its Centralized Voter Registration system that encrypts all the data. The state also purchased a system for the Centralized Voter Registration System that monitors the system, protects it from ransomware, and protects sensitive data in the system. In addition, the state purchased a system that provides real time analysis of security threats, sends alerts if issues are detected and quarantines devices if there is abnormal activity.

**Vermont** used a portion of its 2018 HAVA Funds to replace and upgrade voting equipment, implement post-election audits, mitigate cyber vulnerabilities and provide required cybersecurity training for all town and city clerks in the spring of 2018, prior to the 2018 Midterm Elections.

**Washington** spent part of its 2018 HAVA Funds on cybersecurity equipment. The state implemented advanced firewall protection for its centralized election system and installed an advanced threat detection and prevention appliance. The state also acquired a database storage device on the Voter Registration system that has back-up and recovery capabilities. All equipment and software, with the exception of the database storage device, was in place prior to the November 2018 election.

**Washington, D.C.** has used \$399,400 of its funds to purchase new voting equipment and hire additional staff to increase the number of early voting centers across the District of Columbia, to train election officials and to produce voter education materials. The District of Columbia plans to use its remaining 2018 HAVA Funds to acquire additional equipment, increase maintenance and support, hire a full-time cybersecurity expert, hire and train additional poll workers, continue voter education and outreach, and invest in technology to improve all aspects of voter registration and election administration.

A brief summary of how each state and territory has used their HAVA funds is available within the **FY18 Grant Expenditure Report**. States are required to submit another financial report in December 2019.

Some **initial media reports** have focused on how little of the money was spent before the 2018 election, but in reality it would have been difficult anyway because of the timing of the grants and the procedures required to access them and begin spending. These reports are a fascinating and important look at states' plans – and the December 2019 reports should have even more detail on states' approach to security and other needs in the 2020 election. Stay tuned ...



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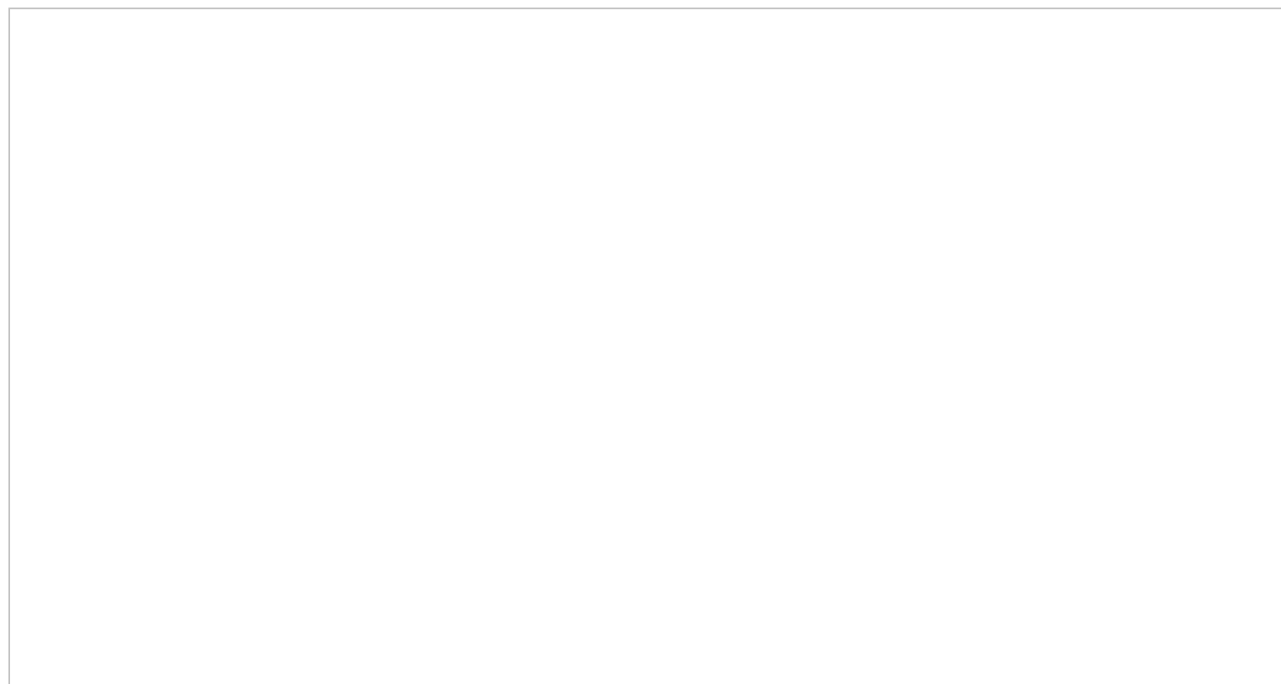
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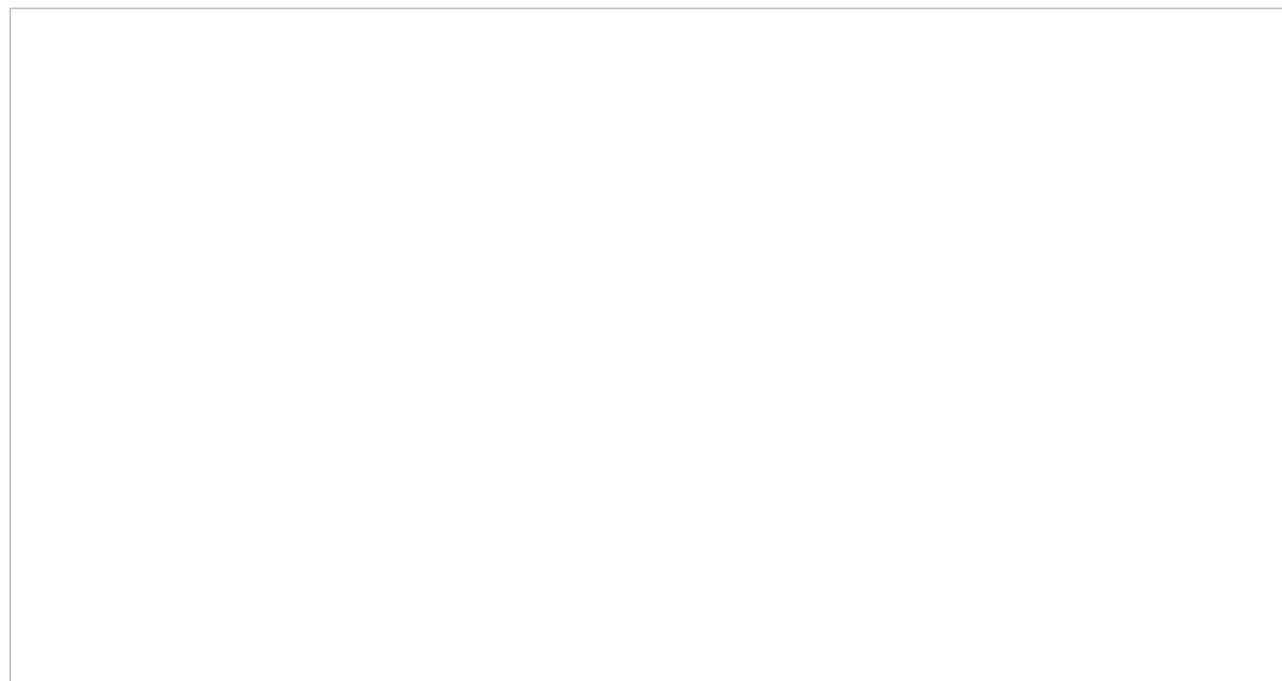
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Last Thursday, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) released the first report detailing how states spent funds allocated to them in 2018 under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Here's the [release](#):

*The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today released a **Grant Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2018** detailing how states and territories have spent \$3,628,946,231 in federal funds made available through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) from the time the legislation was ratified on October 29, 2002 until September 30, 2018. The report also examines **how states and territories were able to begin spending an additional \$380 million** in 2018 HAVA Funds to great effect within just the first six months of those funds being made available to them.*

*From when the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018 was signed into law on March 23, 2018 through September 30, 2018, states reported spending 8.1 percent of the \$380 million allocated and have outlined plans to significantly increase spending ahead of the 2020 election. Since the initial election reform grants were made in the early 2000s, states and territories report total expenditures of \$3,400,037,361, or 85 percent of total federal funds and accrued interest, available under Sections 101, 102 and 251 of HAVA.*

*The EAC worked to efficiently and responsibly award the 2018 HAVA Funds, which were made available less than seven months before the Midterm Elections. To access the funds, eligible **states and territories provided a budget and a state narrative** outlining plans for how those funds will be used. States could technically begin spending funds once they received their notice of grant award on April 17, 2018. However, most states waited until funds had been transferred to their state election accounts and many states first had to get state legislative approval before spending funds.*

*"Last year, with the 2018 Midterm Elections fast approaching, election officials across the nation rose to the occasion, spending when appropriate, but also creating long-term multi-faceted plans to invest these vital funds in meaningful election administration improvements," said EAC Chairwoman Christy McCormick.*

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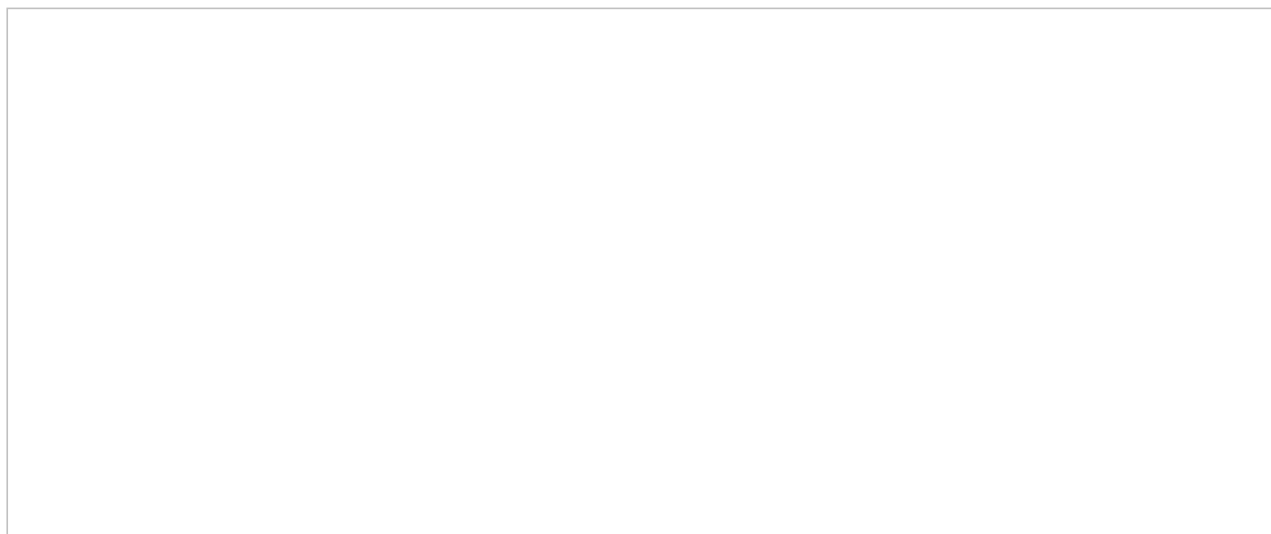
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The election community's long(!) wait for a fully-constituted EAC paid off yesterday with the announcement that the full Commission has unanimously voted to release Version 2.0 of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines for public comment. Here's the EAC [release](#):

*Today, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) four sitting Commissioners unanimously voted to publish the proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 (VVSG) Principles and Guidelines in the Federal Register for a 90 day public comment period, after which comments and feedback on the proposed document will be compiled and presented to the Commissioners for discussion and consideration.*

*"Today's unanimous vote demonstrates the Commissioners' shared commitment to taking this next important step in consideration of the proposed VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines. The EAC looks forward to holding hearings on these Principles and Guidelines soon and we encourage the public to provide their feedback on the proposed guidelines," said EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks, who joined Vice Chair Christy McCormick, Commissioner Ben Hovland and Commissioner Donald Palmer in supporting the measure.*

*According to today's vote, the proposed VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines will be published in the Federal Register in accordance with sections 222(a)(1) and 222(d) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. They will appear in the Federal Register for a period of 90 days. Separately, upon the completion of the VVSG 2.0's accompanying Requirements developed by NIST and the EAC, those accompanying Requirements will also be subject to public review and comment, including distribution to the EAC's Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC), Standards Board and Board of Advisors. This review and comment period will take place prior to consideration and implementation by the Commission.*

*VVSG are a set of Principles, Guidelines and Requirements against which voting systems can be tested to determine if the systems meet required standards. Some factors examined under these tests include functionality, accessibility, accuracy, auditability and security capabilities. The Help America Vote Act of 2002 mandates that EAC develop and maintain these requirements as well as testing and certifying voting systems. On December 13, 2005, the EAC unanimously adopted the 2005 VVSG, which significantly increased security requirements for voting systems and expanded access, including opportunities for individuals with disabilities to vote privately and independently. The 2005 guidelines updated and augmented the 2002 Voting System Standards, as required by HAVA, to address advancements in election practices and computer technologies. These guidelines were again updated by the EAC's Commissioners on March 31, 2015. These guidelines are voluntary. States may decide to adopt them entirely or in part prior to the effective date.*



*The structure of the new VVSG reflects modifications proposed by the election community, EAC, NIST and the TGDC, which is comprised of election officials, voting system manufacturers, disability experts, cyber security experts, technology experts, and other key election stakeholders. The new guidelines are a high level set of principles that will be supplemented by accompanying documents that detail specific requirements for how systems can meet the new guidelines and obtain certification. The supplemental documents will also detail assertions for how the accredited test laboratories will validate that a system complies with those requirements.*

*Last Spring, the EAC convened its advisory boards to review and comment on the adoption of the newest version of the voluntary guidelines, VVSG 2.0. Both Boards recommended that the EAC adopt VVSG 2.0. Today's unanimous Commissioner vote occurred less than two weeks after a quorum of Commissioners was restored at the EAC.*

This vote is a welcome sign that the EAC is back to business very shortly after being restored to full strength. VVSG 2.0 is intended to help election officials, manufacturers and the entire community with a mechanism for testing and certification of voting equipment as well as a set of principles to guide development and assessment of future iterations of election technology. [[Here's my post](#) from 2017 with a high-level summary of the principles. I look forward to the results of public comment and eventual formal adoption of VVSG 2.0. Stay tuned ...

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**Subject:** List of Post-Election Reports due to Division of Elections

**Attachment(s):** "Election Returns"

Dear Supervisors of Elections and Staff:

The 2016 General Election is now behind us, but of course that does not mean that our work related to the election is finished. As you all know, in the coming months a variety of post-election reports will be due to the Division of Elections. Below you will find a list of these reports, along with key information for each. A separate email was sent last week regarding election returns reports (copy attached). We hope you find this list to be of assistance as we move through the election wrap-up period.

- **Conduct of Elections Report**
  - Deadline: November 20
  - Submission Method: Upload via File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal
  - Further info: Page 30 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE contact: [Eleonor.Lipman@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Eleonor.Lipman@DOS.MyFlorida.com) 850-245-6258
- **Petition Signature Verification Reimbursement**
  - Deadline: December 1
  - Submission Method: Email letter to [DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com)
  - Further info: Page 36 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE contact: [Alexander.Mosca@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Alexander.Mosca@dos.myflorida.com) 850-245-6292
- **Post-Election Voting System Audit**
  - Deadline: December 12
  - Submission Method: Upload via File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal
  - Further info: Page 37 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE contact: [Julie.Harmon@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Julie.Harmon@DOS.MyFlorida.com) 850-245-6228
- **Votes Cast by Congressional District**
  - Deadline: December 15
  - Submission Method: Email verification of report generated by DOE
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  - DOE contact: [Alexander.Mosca@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Alexander.Mosca@dos.myflorida.com) 850-245-6292
- **Voter Education Survey**
  - Deadline: December 15
  - Submission Method: SOE Reports Application on SOE Portal
  - Further info: Page 41 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE Contact: [Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com) 850-245-6211
- **Overvote/Undervote Report**
  - Deadline: December 15
  - Submission Method: Upload via File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal
  - Further info: Page 35 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE Contact: [Julie.Harmon@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Julie.Harmon@DOS.MyFlorida.com) 850-245-6228
- **Official Voting History**
  - Deadline: December 22
  - Submission Method: FVRS VH03 transaction
  - Further info: Page 42 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE Contact: [Alexander.Mosca@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Alexander.Mosca@dos.myflorida.com) 850-245-6292
- **Precinct-Level Election Results**
  - Deadline: December 22
  - Submission Method: Upload via File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal
  - Further info: Page 38 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE Contact: [Kristy.Maddox@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Kristy.Maddox@DOS.MyFlorida.com) 850-245-6230
- **Reconciliation Report**
  - Deadline: December 22
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  - DOE Contact: [Alexander.Mosca@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Alexander.Mosca@dos.myflorida.com) 850-245-6292
- **HAVA Funds Expenditures**
  - Deadline: December 31
  - Submission Method: Email form to [Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com)
  - Further info: Page 39 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE contact: [Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com) 850-245-6211
- **Certification of Address List Maintenance**
  - Deadline: January 31
  - Submission Method: E-Mail scanned attachment to [BVRSHelp@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:BVRSHelp@dos.myflorida.com)
  - Further info: Page 45 of SOE Guide to Reports
  - DOE contact: [Emily.Winburn@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Emily.Winburn@dos.myflorida.com) 850-245-6209
- **Certification of Eligibility Records Maintenance**
  - Deadline: January 31
  - Submission Method: E-Mail scanned attachment to [BVRSHelp@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:BVRSHelp@dos.myflorida.com)



- Further info: Page 46 of SOE Guide to Reports
- DOE contact: [Emily.Winburn@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Emily.Winburn@dos.myflorida.com) 850-245-6209

· **US Election Assistance Commission – Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAC EVAS)**

- Deadline: Initial submission by February 2
- Submission Method: Upload via File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal
- Further info: Page 31 of SOE Guide to Reports
- DOE contact: [Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com) 850-245-6211

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**Subject:** Election Returns

Dear Supervisors:

Please forward this email to the staff members in your office who prepare and submit the canvass. If you forward this message from your phone, make sure that the settings are not such that it truncates the message.

### A. Reporting Schedule

1. The first set of unofficial returns are due to the Division of Elections no later than **noon Eastern Time (ET), Saturday, November 12, 2016**. Once the Division receives these returns, it will determine if a machine recount is necessary for a federal, state, or multicounty race. If so, the Secretary of State will issue a machine recount order immediately. We will send a separate email when that happens.
2. If the Secretary orders a recount for your county, the second set of unofficial returns are due to the Division no later than **3 p.m. (ET), Thursday, November 17, 2016**. (Upon receipt of the second set of unofficial returns, the Division will determine if a manual recount of overvotes and undervotes is required. If so, the Secretary of State will issue a manual recount order immediately. The results of a manual recount are included in the official returns.)
  - a. You do not have to nor should you submit 2<sup>nd</sup> set of unofficial returns if you were not subject to a recount order from the State.
  - b. Local recount results are also not required nor should they be submitted to the Division.
3. Official returns are due to the Division no later than **noon (ET), Sunday, November 20, 2016**.

### B. Contact Information

- **Staff will be available until 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please call Stacy Bagley at 850-245-6286 if you need assistance.**
- **Staff will not be in the office on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> or Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you need assistance after 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, email me at [Kristi.Bronson@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Kristi.Bronson@dos.myflorida.com).**

### C. Instructions for Creating Canvass in the Portal

See Step 5 of the User guide - *Election Night Reporting Website Walkthrough*.

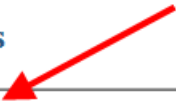


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At least two canvassing board member signatures are required.

The results are **not** submitted until you click on the "Submit to DOE" button, which will populate the time of your submittal. If you do not click on this button, DOE staff will be doing it once the deadline has passed. This will make it appear as if you did not meet the deadline.

**You cannot generate the next required canvass until you have "submitted" the current canvass.**

The conduct of elections report must be submitted at the same time as the official results are certified and submitted. The conduct of elections, however, goes to the **Bureau of Voting Systems Certification**. You can use the SOE File Transfer Utility to submit that report or you can email it. The instructions for submission are on page 30 of the [SOE Guide to the Division of Elections - Reports, Downloads, and Uploads](http://soe.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/SoeGuideToReports.pdf) at : <http://soe.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/SoeGuideToReports.pdf>. Please direct any questions regarding the Conduct of Elections Report to the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification.

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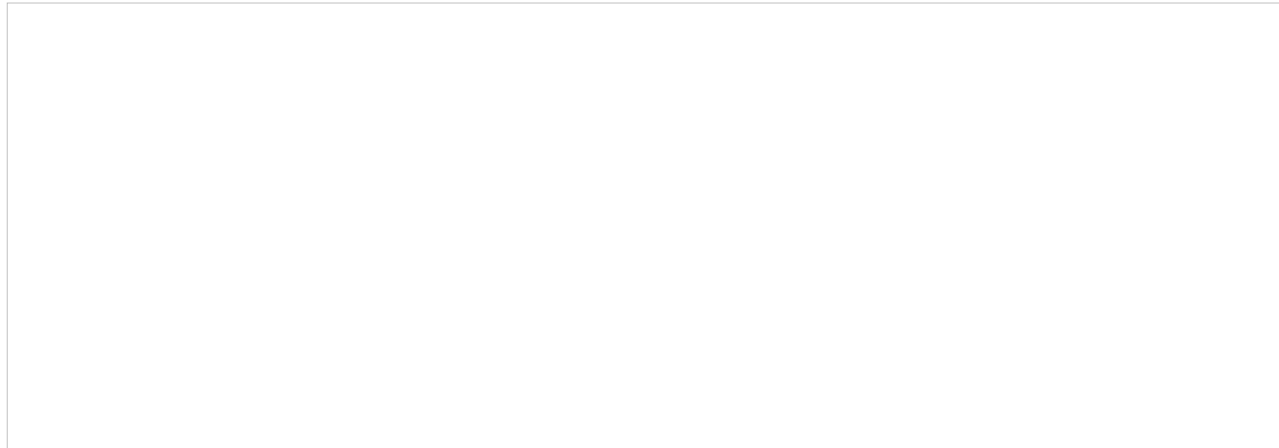


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Yesterday, citing opposition from states and ongoing lawsuits, President Trump dissolved the controversial Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. The Washington Post [has more](#):

*President Trump on Wednesday announced that he is disbanding a controversial panel studying alleged voter fraud that became mired in multiple federal lawsuits and faced resistance from states that accused it of overreach.*

*The decision is a major setback for Trump, who created the commission last year in response to his claim, for which he provided no proof, that he lost the popular vote to Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016 because of millions of illegally cast ballots.*

*The commission met only twice amid the series of lawsuits seeking to curb its authority and claims by Democrats that it was stacked to recommend voting restrictions favorable to the president's party.*

*In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said there is "substantial evidence of voter fraud" and blamed the ending of the commission on the refusal of many states to provide voter data sought by the panel and the cost of ongoing lawsuits.*

*The bipartisan panel, known as the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, had been nominally chaired by Vice President Pence and led by Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a Republican who has aggressively sought to prosecute alleged voter fraud in his state. Pence in recent months had sought to distance himself from its work.*

*In the statement, Sanders said Trump had signed an **executive order** asking the Department of Homeland Security "to review its initial findings and determine next courses of action."*

Critics of the Commission hailed the move, but one current Commissioner who has been suing to get more details about its work noted that the focus on voter fraud is just likely shift elsewhere:

*The 11-member commission proved a magnet for controversy from the outset and was sued by one of its members, Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap (D), who alleged in November that he has been kept in the dark about its operations, rendering his participation "essentially meaningless."*

*Republicans on the commission accused Dunlap of paranoia, but a federal judge last month ruled partly in his favor.*

*In an interview Wednesday night, Dunlap said it may be premature to celebrate the demise of the commission, given Trump's announcement that Homeland Security would pick up the work. The department, he said, could angle to change regulations affecting driver's licenses and other matters affecting voting without as much public scrutiny.*

*"I think people who are saying 'the witch is dead' should be very alarmed by this move," he said. "I think that's very dangerous."*

Dunlap's concerns seem to be borne out somewhat by suggestions that the White House blames PACEI's opponents for its demise and is seeking a more favorable arena for its anti-fraud crusade:

*A senior White House aide, however, said Democrats on the commission were to blame for refusing to work with the panel, as were states that refused to turn over public data.*

*The aide, who was not authorized to speak on behalf of the commission and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that the Department of Homeland Security is "better equipped to take up the matter."*



I'll leave the PACEI obituaries to others – for now, I'm curious about whether DHS' new anti-fraud brief will interfere in any way with its growing election cybersecurity role, especially since bipartisan Congressional interest in helping to fund those efforts is slowly emerging. If it does interfere, that could be far more damaging than anything the Commission itself could have done.

Hang on – and stay tuned ...

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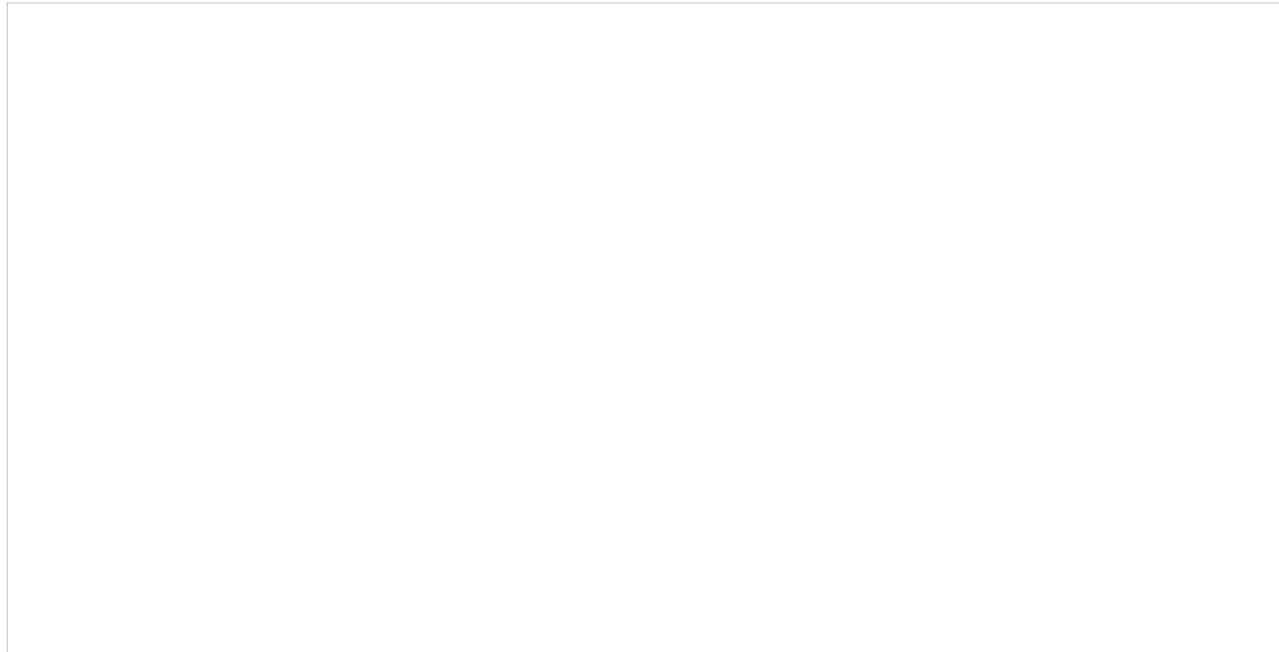


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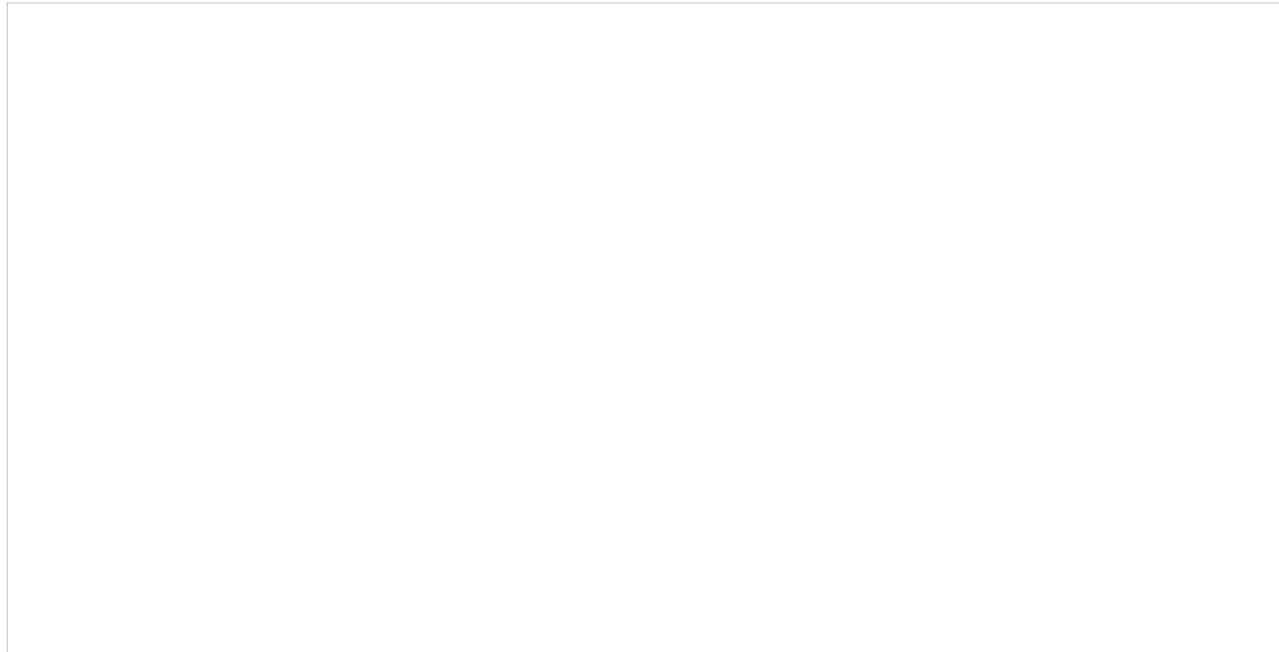


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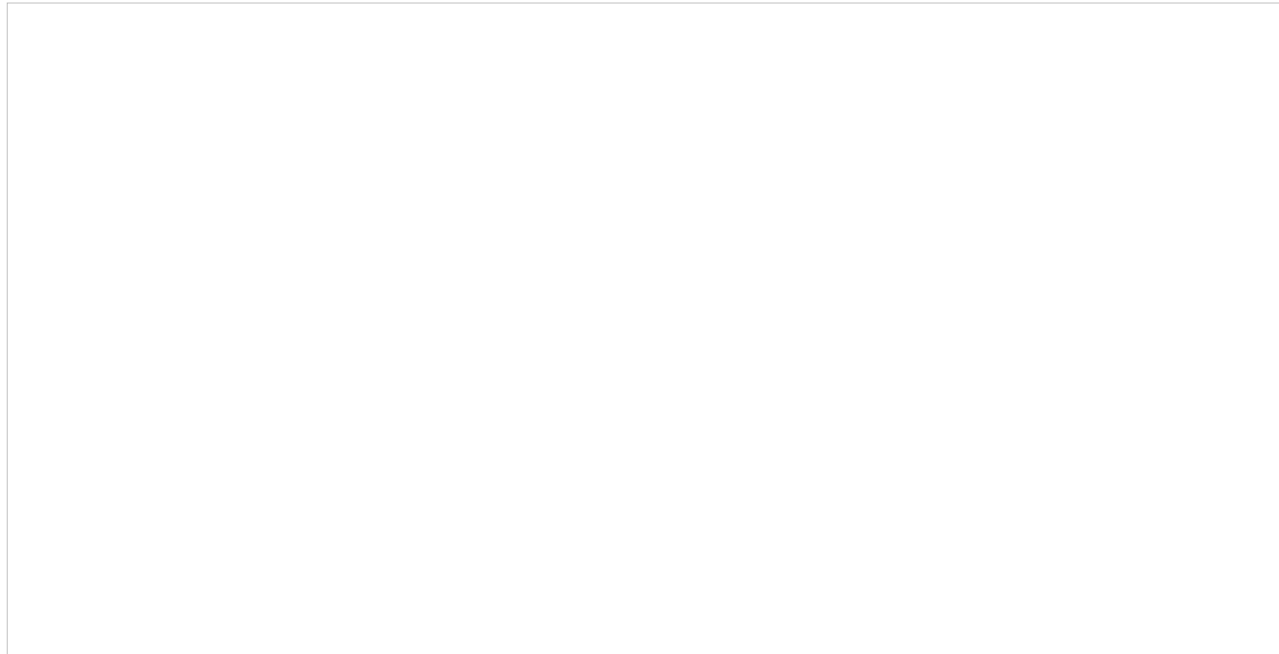


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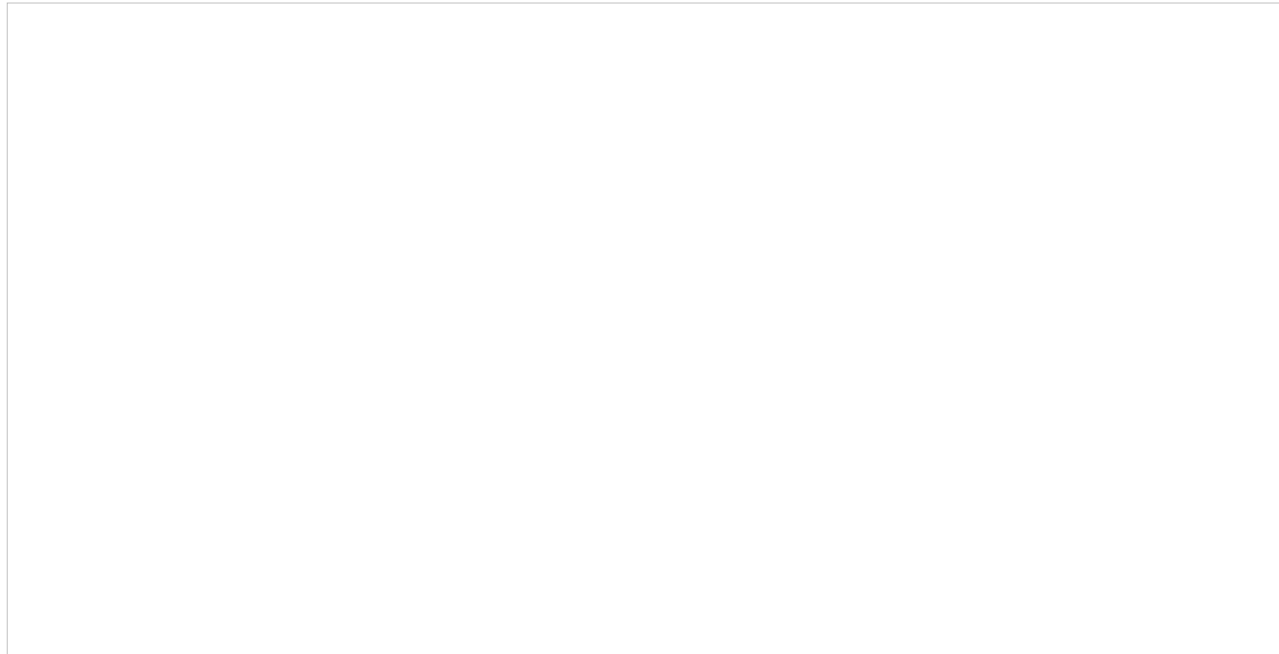


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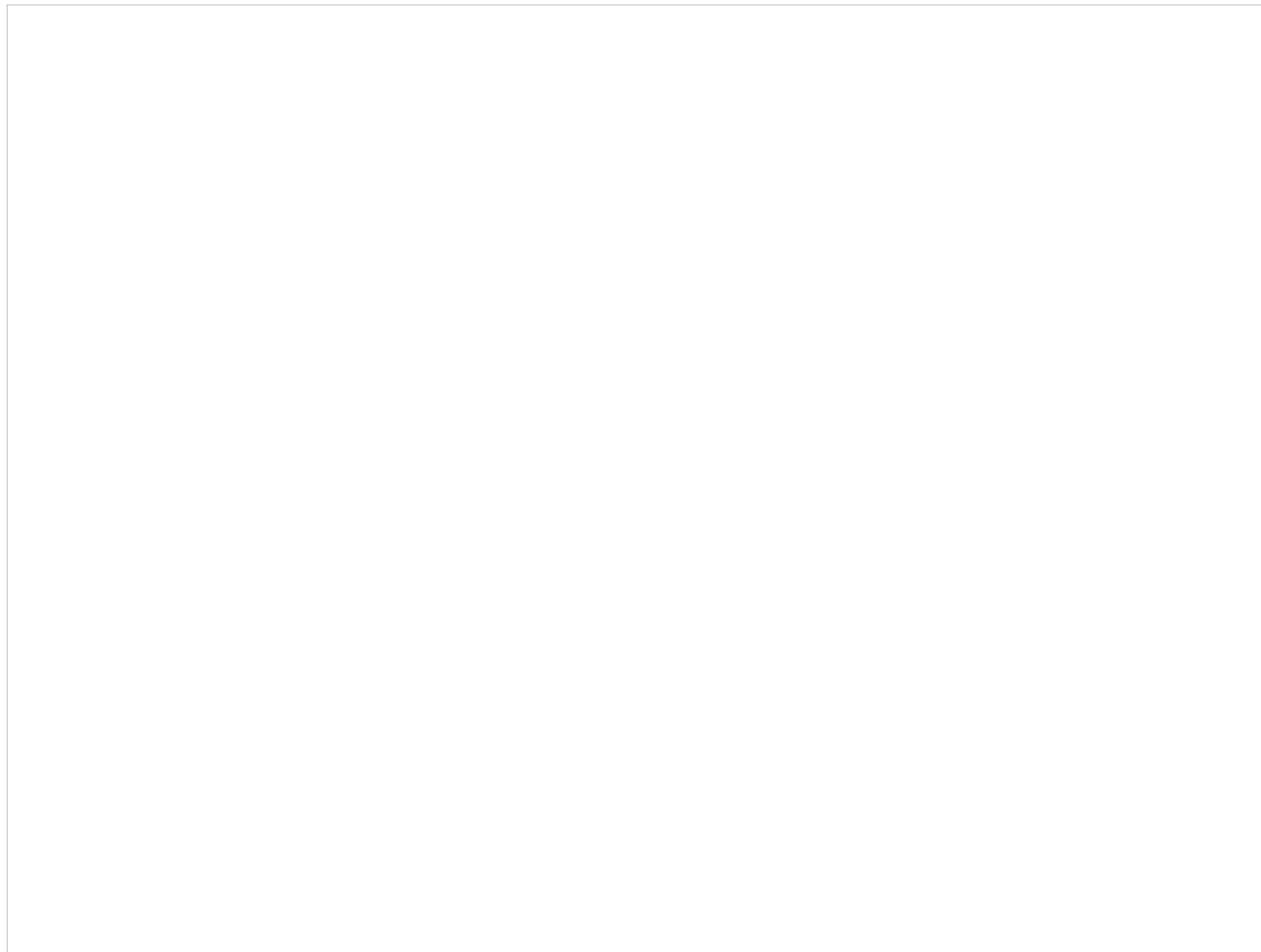


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Monitor

The New Jersey Democrat put out a statement Friday after the government announced it will retry Menendez and Florida eye doctor Salomon Melgen (MEHL'-genn) on fraud and bribery counts. Menendez's statement said the government has decided to "double down on an unjust prosecution."





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Romper

One such mom is Mary Barzee Flores, a mother of two and former **Florida** circuit court judge, who was nominated to the Supreme Court by former-President Barack Obama before having her nomination blocked by Senator Marco Rubio, and is currently seeking **election** for **Florida's** 27th Congressional ...



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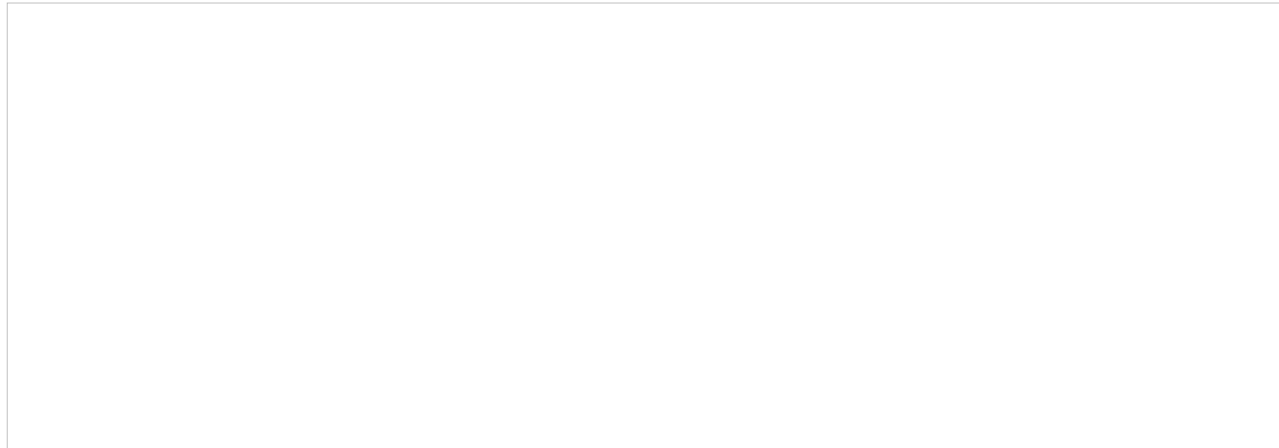


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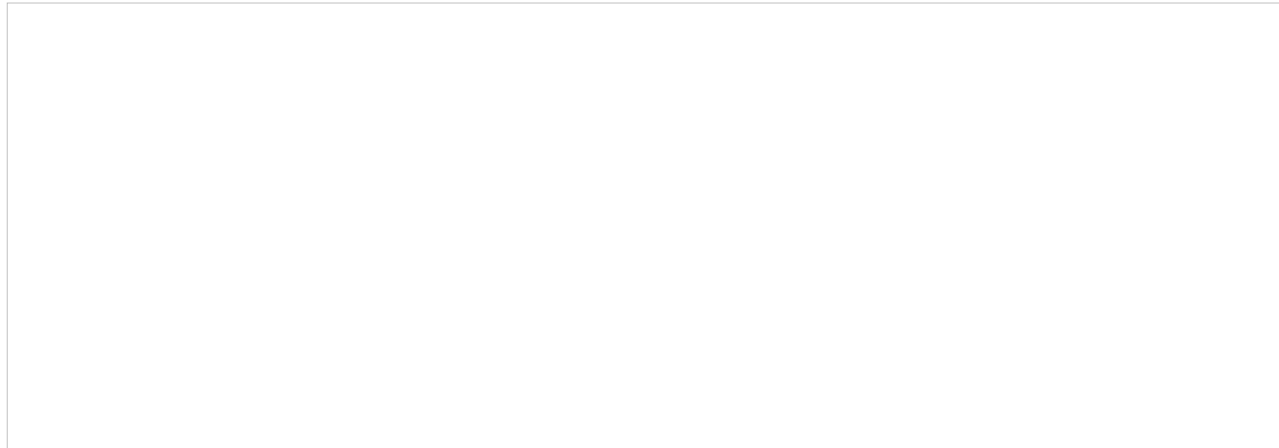


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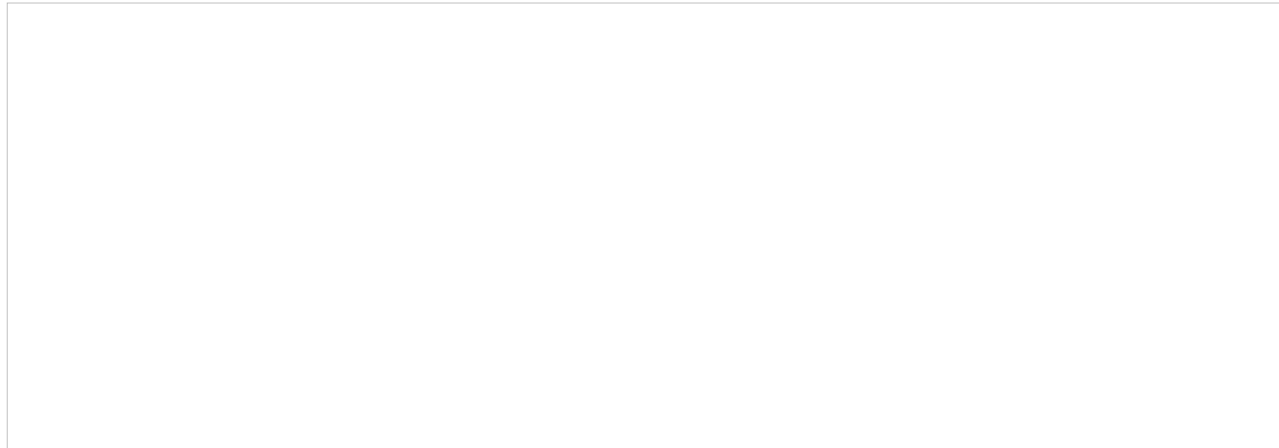


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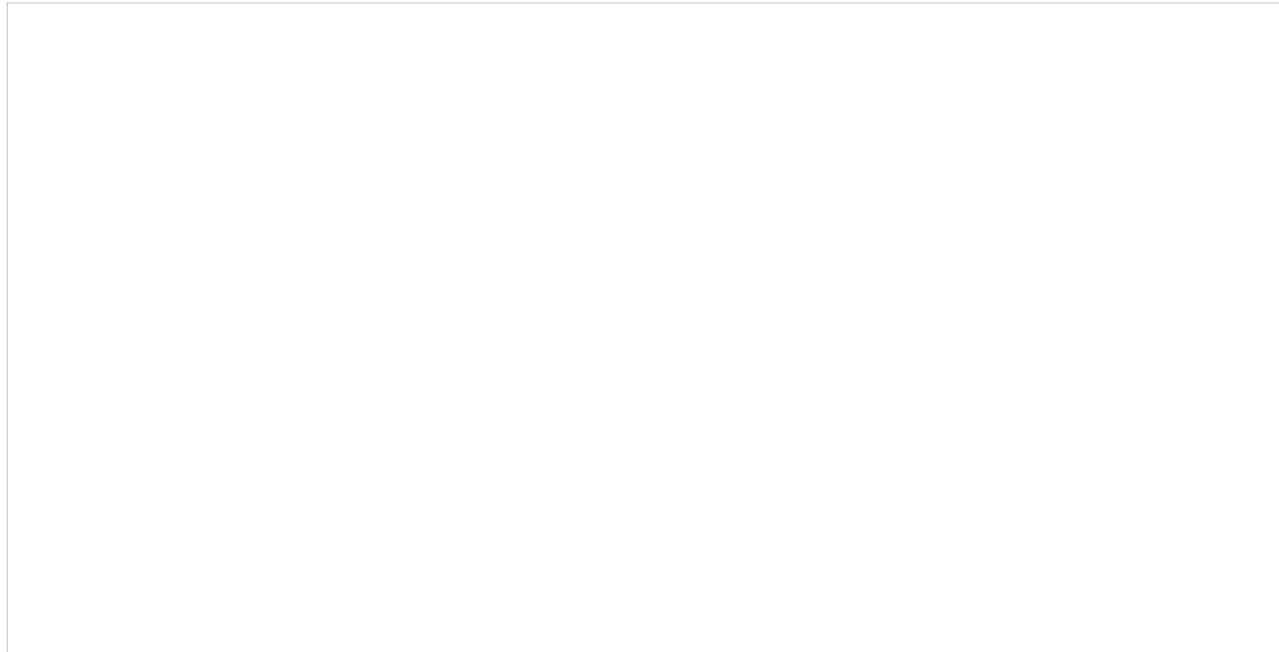


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*Among the day’s events is a keynote address from Undersecretary Christopher C. Krebs of Department of Homeland Security’s National Protection and Programs Directorate, as well as three panels (Election Efficiency and Integrity: Improving the Voter Experience; Election Security: Solutions and Opportunities; and Election Accessibility: Protecting Privacy and Improving Reliability) led by EAC Commissioners **Thomas Hicks**, **Matthew Masterson** and **Christy McCormick**.*

Here’s the full agenda:

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**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**  
**9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration open at 9 a.m.)**  
**Holeman Lounge, The National Press Club**  
**529 14th Street NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20045**

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**9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Welcome & Remarks**

**10:00 – 11:00 A.M. Panel 1 – Election Efficiency and Integrity: Improving the Voter Experience**

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Krysha Gregorowicz, Senior Researcher, Fors Marsh Group

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Charles Stewart III, Kenan Sahin Distinguished Professor of Political Science, MIT

**11:00 – 11:15 A.M. BREAK**

**11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Panel 2 – Election Security: Solutions and Opportunities**



*EAC Chairman Matthew Masterson (Moderator)*  
*Jeremy Epstein, National Science Foundation's Deputy Division Director for*  
*Computer and Network Systems Research*  
*Secretary Nellie Gorbea, Rhode Island Secretary of State*  
*Jeremy Gray, Assistant Executive Officer for Technology and Planning, Los*  
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*Kim Wyman, Washington Secretary of State*

**12:30 – 1:30 P.M. Lunch Break (On your own)**

**1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Keynote Speaker – Undersecretary Christopher C. Krebs, DHS**  
*Undersecretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security*

**2:00 – 3:00 P.M. Panel 3 – Election Accessibility: Protecting Privacy and Improving Reliability**

*EAC Vice Chair Thomas Hicks (Moderator)*  
*Virginia Atkinson, Senior Access and Inclusion Specialist, International Foundation*  
*for Electoral Systems*  
*Michelle Bishop, Voting Rights Specialist, National Disability Rights Network*  
*Cameron Sasnett, Director of the Office of Elections and General Registrar,*  
*Fairfax County, Virginia*  
*Stafford Ward, Secretary of the Board & Technology and Voter Services Advisor, U.S. Vote Foundation*

**3:00 – 3:30 P.M. Discussion/Open Mic & Closing Remarks**

*EAC Executive Director Brian Newby, EAC Commissioners Masterson, Hicks, McCormick*

This event will be a fantastic curtain-raiser on what promises to be an eventful year. I'm planning to attend and I look forward to sharing more from the meeting. Thanks to the EAC for pulling this meeting together ... stay tuned!

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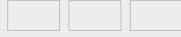
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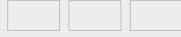
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**HOGG VS. SHARK - "David Hogg says he didn't endorse Ted Deutch's Republican challenger," by Sun Sentinel's Anthony Man:** "David Hogg says he didn't say he'd support a Republican candidate who wants to oust Congressman [Ted Deutch](#), contrary to what the challenger is claiming. Javier Manjarres, who's been running for months but didn't formally [announce his candidacy](#) until Tuesday, wrote on Twitter that he 'ran into' Hogg at an event and 'Hogg says he will vote for me over Democrat @RepTedDeutch.' Hogg denied the endorsement in his own Twitter post Wednesday night. 'Definitely did not say that. We endorse policy not people,' he wrote." [Read more](#)

**GUN PLAY - "GOP candidate running for Parkland seat was arrested for gun violence," by Shareblue Media's Oliver Willis:** "Republican candidate Javier Manjarres, who just declared his candidacy for the congressional seat that represents Parkland, Florida, has quite a sordid past, including arrests for gun violence ... In 2016 he was arrested for the attempted murder of his sister's boyfriend after shooting a gun at him. Manjarres allegedly assaulted a man, punching him in the face with his fist. The man reported that he heard three gunshots as he drove to escape the assault." [Read more](#)

**SHARK TANK RESPONDS -**From Manjarres: "Contrary to what was reported by several news agencies, charges were NEVER filed by the State Attorney's Office in Palm Beach County. The allegations were made by a criminal who was arrested and subsequently charged for striking and falsely imprisoning my sister. Upon release from custody pending trial, the same criminal had his bond revoked for an arrest stemming from another physical attack against my sister. He spent a total of 11 months in jail after my release. This speaks to his character. As for my case, the State Attorney's Office reviewed the facts and circumstances of the alleged incident and declined to formally file or pursue any charges against me."

**AMERICAN PRAVDA - "An Orlando resident and former Sinclair employee is being sued by the company for quitting," by Orlando Weekly's Xander Peters:** "Over the weekend, Sinclair Broadcast Group [garnered criticism](#) for requiring its anchors to read a statement that took a shot at major national media outlets. Many in media and beyond wondered why the company's employees simply didn't quit, calling them 'whores' who 'should be ashamed of themselves' ... [but when reporter Johnathan Beaton quit WPEC News 12 in West Palm Beach] the company told him he had to pay around \$25,000 to get out of the contract, even though he was only making roughly \$44,000 a year ... on Oct. 13, the company sued Beaton in Orange County courts, requesting \$5,700 in damages and other related costs." [Read more](#)

**THE CHOICE - "They have to resign if they want to run for Congress. What are they waiting for?" by Miami Herald's David Smiley:** [Read more](#)

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**CONSERVATHON - "GOP governor candidate forum set for May 5 in Orlando," by the Tampa Bay Times' Kirby Wilson:** [Read more](#)

### ... THE PENINSULA AND BEYOND ...

**YA DON'T SAY? - "Gun-related town halls are a partisan affair in South Florida," by Alex Daugherty:** A national group that promotes face-to-face interactions between lawmakers and constituents is working with the March for Our Lives organizers to host town hall events on preventing gun violence during the current congressional recess, and no South Florida Republicans are planning to attend. Rep. Ted Deutch, D-Boca Raton, who represents Parkland, held a town hall earlier this week. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Weston, will hold a town hall on Saturday in Pembroke Pines, while Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Miami Gardens, will host a town hall tonight in Miami Gardens. The three Republicans from Miami-FL-COLLIER-19-0530-A-000075



Dade County, Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Mario Diaz-Balart and Carlos Curbelo, do not have any town hall events scheduled during the recess." [Read more](#)

**DIRTY WATER - "Environmentalists: FPL's plan to fix Miami's polluted drinking water will take 60 years," by Miami News Times' Jerry Iannelli :** "Early this year, Florida Power & Light and Miami-Dade County unveiled a joint plan they claimed would finally fix the gigantic plume of saltwater pollution that has leaked from FPL's Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station into the Biscayne Aquifer, South Florida's largest source of drinking water. The plume came from the power plant's cooling canals - a technology so archaic that Turkey Point is the only nuclear plant in the world that uses it. But rather than getting rid of the leaky canals, FPL and the county want to dilute and "freshen" the fluid using the county's treated sewage. FPL says the plan will likely clean up the saltwater plume within five to ten years. But in a press call with reporters today, a hydrologist working with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) - FPL's loudest critic - argued FPL's math is way off. In fact, the environmental group warns that if the county agrees to the plan, drawing back the saltwater plume could take 60 years, if the plume ever goes away at all." [Read more](#)

**SNIPES WINS ONE - "Brenda Snipes wins, now fix real election problems," by Sun Sentinel's editorial board:**"A sham lawsuit over voter rolls in Broward County has failed. U.S. District Judge Beth Bloom ruled last week that Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes makes 'reasonable' and regular efforts to purge ineligible voters. The American Civil Rights Union, a conservative-leaning group formed as a counterweight to the left-leaning American Civil Liberties Union, had claimed that Snipes did not meet requirements of the 1993 National Voter Registration Act. A spokesman for the conservative group complained the judge is 'happy with the bare minimum' of review. In fact, the group's case was sloppy and bogus." [Read more](#)

**TOUGH WEEKS - "Jury: Former Flagler elections chief Kim Weeks guilty on all 7 counts," by The Daytona Beach News Journal:** "Jury finds former Flagler County elections supervisor Kimberle Weeks guilty on all seven felony counts tied to charges that she illegally and secretly recorded conversations with several government officials in 2014." [Read more](#)

**TINDER BOX - "Firestorm of 1998: Wildfires ravaged Florida 20 years ago, burning half a million acres," by TC Palm's Maureen Kenyon:** "At the time, it was the largest aerial fire suppression operation in the U.S. A record-breaking number of firefighters - 10,000 - helped battle 2,200 blazes across Florida. In 1998, the fires that ravaged the state forced the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of residents and damaged or destroyed 337 homes and 33 businesses. Roads through Central Florida were closed completely, and major highways, including Interstates 4 and 95, were blocked off some days." [Read more](#)

**CAUSE AND EFFECT? - "Should Miami's sea level rise committee address climate change, too?" by Miami Herald's Alex Harris:** "Miami has been ahead of the curve with its sea level rise committee, created in 2015 to address the symptom of climate change that will cause the most damage to the shoreline city. But three years later, activists question why the committee can't broaden its scope to talk about the bigger picture - climate change. And the mayor a to a head last week, when conversation between a local climate activist and a board member turned ugly and led to calls from the mayor for resignations." [Read more](#)

**IMMIGRATION WARS - "Florida city wants immigration rule changed to guard victims," by AP:**"Police and the mayor of a Florida city are looking to change a local immigration policy after realizing that a domestic abuse call could have led the victim to face deportation. Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe said the north Florida city's policy adopted to comply with federal immigration authorities goes too far, and wants to amend it Thursday at a city commission meeting. The policy currently requires police officers to write down the names of foreign nationals they come into contact with and turn that information over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Poe said that if those reports include victims' names, it could have a chilling effect on crime reporting." [Read more](#)

**SHADOW ECONOMY- "In Disney's shadow, immigrants juggle running food truck with cleaning houses," by Orlando Sentinel's Gabrielle Russon:** "Evelyn Parada and Carlo Chavéz spend their days scrubbing vacation homes, but their work doesn't end there. Late into the night, they serve steak sandwiches from their food truck to tourists and theme park workers ending their shifts. The two immigrants find joy in what they do - giving their all at both cleaning and cooking." [Read more](#)

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**REBUKED - "In 'rare' rebuke, auditors say Florida education officials obstructed their work," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** State auditors say that high-level staff at the Florida Department of Education restricted or delayed access to agency records and employees in their quest to properly conduct a routine review of the state's system for administering millions of federal student loans. In the unusual, scathing finding for a major state agency, first reported by POLITICO, auditors wrote in their report that top education department managers repeatedly got in their way, making it harder for them to do their job in reviewing the state's administration of the Federal Family Education Loan Program, through which the state guarantees more than four million student loans. Read story [here](#)

**DEEPER INVESTIGATION - "Congressional panel widens nursing home deaths probe, oversight role of CMS," by POLITICO Florida's Alexandra Glorioso:** A U.S. House investigative panel [probing](#) the deaths of 14 nursing home residents last fall in Broward County following Hurricane Irma is broadening its inquiry beyond Florida by requesting a wide range of documents from the federal agency tasked with regulating the industry. The House Energy and Commerce Committee, in its [nine-page letter](#) sent this week to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Seema Verma, wants the agency to quickly produce all documents related to nursing home complaints in connection with  
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hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, three major storms that slammed South Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. Read story [here](#)

**FIDO'S LAW - "New Florida law creates harsher punishments for animal abusers," by Pensacola News Journal's:**

"Gov. Rick Scott has signed a law creating harsher criminal penalties for animal abusers. The new law allows a judge to bar someone convicted of animal cruelty from owning a pet. It also makes it more likely that an offender would serve prison time for the crime. The governor formally signed Senate Bill 1576, which has been dubbed 'Ponce's Law,' on Thursday in Ponce Inlet." [Read more](#)

**LOGROLLING - "Constitution panel bundles 12 amendments for ballot consideration," by Miami Herald's Elizabeth Koh:** A committee of the powerful Constitution Revision Commission advanced several constitutional amendments that may appear on voters' ballots in November, including a proposal that would make Miami-Dade's sheriff an elected position and an ethics measure that would bar former officials from lobbying for six years. In a three-hour meeting, the commission's Style and Drafting Committee approved its plan to group 24 constitutional proposals into a dozen amendments and send them to the full 37-member commission, which has the power to put measures directly before voters once every 20 years.

**DOPE MAN - "Bondi says Florida plans to file suit against opioid manufacturers," by POLITICO Florida's Alexandra Glorioso:** [Read more](#)

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**SCHOOL WARS - "Superintendent Rocky Hanna to School Board: Block charter schools," by Tallahassee Democrat's Ashley White:** "Overruling his own charter school review committee, Superintendent Rocky Hanna is recommending the School Board reject the applications of two charter schools hoping to open to students in 2019. 'In good conscience, I can not recommend the approval of these charter schools. That almost sounds like it's an endorsement of the program,' Hanna told the Democrat Tuesday. 'If we start opening mom and pop schools on every corner we're going to slowly bleed our traditional schools to death.' The School Board is expected to take up the issue at its meeting on Tuesday, April 10. Members will have two options - agree with Hanna's recommendation or disagree. If they side with Hanna, the charter schools can appeal to the Florida Department of Education." [Read more](#)

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**MR. FEELGOOD - "Ex-Boca school counselor used exotic dancer models to push fentanyl," by Palm Beach Post's John Pacenti and Holly Baltz:** "Alec Burlakoff once worked as a guidance counselor and basketball coach at a private Boca Raton prep school, but then he jumped into the cutthroat world of pharmaceuticals. It would never be the same. As national sales chief for Insys Therapeutics, he helped direct the hiring of a former exotic dancer from West Palm Beach, models and even a reality TV star who posed for Playboy to peddle [one of the most dangerous drugs doctors can prescribe](#): a spray form of fentanyl. Now, [he stands charged](#) as the sales mastermind, the chief driver of what federal prosecutors call a national criminal conspiracy to catapult sales for the fentanyl spray called Subsys by bribing doctors to prescribe it through a

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**GATOR! - "Dead gator causing 'unbearable stench' in Loxahatchee woman's backyard," by Palm Beach Post's Chelsea Todaro:** "A homeowner in Loxahatchee said she is trying to get rid of an 'unbearable stench' in her neighborhood caused by a dead alligator in her backyard, [our news partners at WPTV report](#). [Crash with alligator sends woman's car into wipeout on I-75](#). Stacey Rutherford told [WPTV](#) that she found the 9-foot reptile carcass on Friday, but is having problems removing it from her property. 'It's gross. It's gross I just want it gone,' she said to WPTV. 'You can't make it up!'" [Read more](#)

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**GUN PLAY - "GOP candidate running for Parkland seat was arrested for gun violence," by Shareblue Media's Oliver Willis:** "Republican candidate Javier Manjarres, who just declared his candidacy for the congressional seat that represents Parkland, Florida, has quite a sordid past, including arrests for gun violence ... In 2016 he was arrested for the attempted murder of his sister's boyfriend after shooting a gun at him. Manjarres allegedly assaulted a man, punching him in the face with his fist. The man reported that he heard three gunshots as he drove to escape the assault." [Read more](#)

**SHARK TANK RESPONDS -**From Manjarres: "Contrary to what was reported by several news agencies, charges were NEVER filed by the State Attorney's Office in Palm Beach County. The allegations were made by a criminal who was arrested and subsequently charged for striking and falsely imprisoning my sister. Upon release from custody pending trial, the same criminal had his bond revoked for an arrest stemming from another physical attack against my sister. He spent a total of 11 months in jail after my release. This speaks to his character. As for my case, the State Attorney's Office reviewed the facts and circumstances of the alleged incident and declined to formally file or pursue any charges against me."

**AMERICAN PRAVDA - "An Orlando resident and former Sinclair employee is being sued by the company for quitting," by Orlando Weekly's Xander Peters:** "Over the weekend, Sinclair Broadcast Group [garnered criticism](#) for requiring its anchors to read a statement that took a shot at major national media outlets. Many in media and beyond wondered why the company's employees simply didn't quit, calling them 'whores' who 'should be ashamed of themselves' ... [but when reporter Johnathan Beaton quit WPEC News 12 in West Palm Beach] the company told him he had to pay around \$25,000 to get out of the contract, even though he was only making roughly \$44,000 a year ... on Oct. 13, the company sued Beaton in Orange County courts, requesting \$5,700 in damages and other related costs." [Read more](#)

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**CONSERVATHON - "GOP governor candidate forum set for May 5 in Orlando," by the Tampa Bay Times' Kirby Wilson:** [Read more](#)

#### ... THE PENINSULA AND BEYOND ...

**YA DON'T SAY? - "Gun-related town halls are a partisan affair in South Florida," by Alex Daugherty:** A national group that promotes face-to-face interactions between lawmakers and constituents is working with the March for Our Lives organizers to host town hall events on preventing gun violence during the current congressional recess, and no South Florida Republicans are planning to attend. Rep. Ted Deutch, D-Boca Raton, who represents Parkland, held a town hall earlier this week. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Weston, will hold a town hall on Saturday in Pembroke Pines, while Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Miami Gardens, will host a town hall tonight in Miami Gardens. The three Republicans from Miami-FL-COLLIER-19-0530-A-000079



Dade County, Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Mario Diaz-Balart and Carlos Curbelo, do not have any town hall events scheduled during the recess." [Read more](#)

**DIRTY WATER - "Environmentalists: FPL's plan to fix Miami's polluted drinking water will take 60 years," by Miami News Times' Jerry Iannelli :** "Early this year, Florida Power & Light and Miami-Dade County unveiled a joint plan they claimed would finally fix the gigantic plume of saltwater pollution that has leaked from FPL's Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station into the Biscayne Aquifer, South Florida's largest source of drinking water. The plume came from the power plant's cooling canals - a technology so archaic that Turkey Point is the only nuclear plant in the world that uses it. But rather than getting rid of the leaky canals, FPL and the county want to dilute and "freshen" the fluid using the county's treated sewage. FPL says the plan will likely clean up the saltwater plume within five to ten years. But in a press call with reporters today, a hydrologist working with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) - FPL's loudest critic - argued FPL's math is way off. In fact, the environmental group warns that if the county agrees to the plan, drawing back the saltwater plume could take 60 years, if the plume ever goes away at all." [Read more](#)

**SNIPES WINS ONE - "Brenda Snipes wins, now fix real election problems," by Sun Sentinel's editorial board:**"A sham lawsuit over voter rolls in Broward County has failed. U.S. District Judge Beth Bloom ruled last week that Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes makes 'reasonable' and regular efforts to purge ineligible voters. The American Civil Rights Union, a conservative-leaning group formed as a counterweight to the left-leaning American Civil Liberties Union, had claimed that Snipes did not meet requirements of the 1993 National Voter Registration Act. A spokesman for the conservative group complained the judge is 'happy with the bare minimum' of review. In fact, the group's case was sloppy and bogus." [Read more](#)

**TOUGH WEEKS - "Jury: Former Flagler elections chief Kim Weeks guilty on all 7 counts," by The Daytona Beach News Journal:** "Jury finds former Flagler County elections supervisor Kimberle Weeks guilty on all seven felony counts tied to charges that she illegally and secretly recorded conversations with several government officials in 2014." [Read more](#)

**TINDER BOX - "Firestorm of 1998: Wildfires ravaged Florida 20 years ago, burning half a million acres," by TC Palm's Maureen Kenyon:** "At the time, it was the largest aerial fire suppression operation in the U.S. A record-breaking number of firefighters - 10,000 - helped battle 2,200 blazes across Florida. In 1998, the fires that ravaged the state forced the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of residents and damaged or destroyed 337 homes and 33 businesses. Roads through Central Florida were closed completely, and major highways, including Interstates 4 and 95, were blocked off some days." [Read more](#)

**CAUSE AND EFFECT? - "Should Miami's sea level rise committee address climate change, too?" by Miami Herald's Alex Harris:** "Miami has been ahead of the curve with its sea level rise committee, created in 2015 to address the symptom of climate change that will cause the most damage to the shoreline city. But three years later, activists question why the committee can't broaden its scope to talk about the bigger picture - climate change. And the mayor a to a head last week, when conversation between a local climate activist and a board member turned ugly and led to calls from the mayor for resignations." [Read more](#)

**IMMIGRATION WARS - "Florida city wants immigration rule changed to guard victims," by AP:**"Police and the mayor of a Florida city are looking to change a local immigration policy after realizing that a domestic abuse call could have led the victim to face deportation. Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe said the north Florida city's policy adopted to comply with federal immigration authorities goes too far, and wants to amend it Thursday at a city commission meeting. The policy currently requires police officers to write down the names of foreign nationals they come into contact with and turn that information over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Poe said that if those reports include victims' names, it could have a chilling effect on crime reporting." [Read more](#)

**SHADOW ECONOMY- "In Disney's shadow, immigrants juggle running food truck with cleaning houses," by Orlando Sentinel's Gabrielle Russon:** "Evelyn Parada and Carlo Chavéz spend their days scrubbing vacation homes, but their work doesn't end there. Late into the night, they serve steak sandwiches from their food truck to tourists and theme park workers ending their shifts. The two immigrants find joy in what they do - giving their all at both cleaning and cooking." [Read more](#)

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**REBUKED - "In 'rare' rebuke, auditors say Florida education officials obstructed their work," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** State auditors say that high-level staff at the Florida Department of Education restricted or delayed access to agency records and employees in their quest to properly conduct a routine review of the state's system for administering millions of federal student loans. In the unusual, scathing finding for a major state agency, first reported by POLITICO, auditors wrote in their report that top education department managers repeatedly got in their way, making it harder for them to do their job in reviewing the state's administration of the Federal Family Education Loan Program, through which the state guarantees more than four million student loans. Read story [here](#)

**DEEPER INVESTIGATION - "Congressional panel widens nursing home deaths probe, oversight role of CMS," by POLITICO Florida's Alexandra Glorioso:** A U.S. House investigative panel [probing](#) the deaths of 14 nursing home residents last fall in Broward County following Hurricane Irma is broadening its inquiry beyond Florida by requesting a wide range of documents from the federal agency tasked with regulating the industry. The House Energy and Commerce Committee, in its [nine-page letter](#) sent this week to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Seema Verma, wants the agency to quickly produce all documents related to nursing home complaints in connection with  
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hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, three major storms that slammed South Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. Read story [here](#)

**FIDO'S LAW - "New Florida law creates harsher punishments for animal abusers," by Pensacola News Journal's:**

"Gov. Rick Scott has signed a law creating harsher criminal penalties for animal abusers. The new law allows a judge to bar someone convicted of animal cruelty from owning a pet. It also makes it more likely that an offender would serve prison time for the crime. The governor formally signed Senate Bill 1576, which has been dubbed 'Ponce's Law,' on Thursday in Ponce Inlet." [Read more](#)

**LOGROLLING - "Constitution panel bundles 12 amendments for ballot consideration," by Miami Herald's Elizabeth Koh:** A committee of the powerful Constitution Revision Commission advanced several constitutional amendments that may appear on voters' ballots in November, including a proposal that would make Miami-Dade's sheriff an elected position and an ethics measure that would bar former officials from lobbying for six years. In a three-hour meeting, the commission's Style and Drafting Committee approved its plan to group 24 constitutional proposals into a dozen amendments and send them to the full 37-member commission, which has the power to put measures directly before voters once every 20 years.

**DOPE MAN - "Bondi says Florida plans to file suit against opioid manufacturers," by POLITICO Florida's Alexandra Glorioso:** [Read more](#)

- "Opioid crisis: Surgeon general urges people to carry antidote," by Ocala Star Banner's R.J. Rico: [Read more](#)

**SCHOOL WARS - "Superintendent Rocky Hanna to School Board: Block charter schools," by Tallahassee Democrat's Ashley White:** "Overruling his own charter school review committee, Superintendent Rocky Hanna is recommending the School Board reject the applications of two charter schools hoping to open to students in 2019. 'In good conscience, I can not recommend the approval of these charter schools. That almost sounds like it's an endorsement of the program,' Hanna told the Democrat Tuesday. 'If we start opening mom and pop schools on every corner we're going to slowly bleed our traditional schools to death.' The School Board is expected to take up the issue at its meeting on Tuesday, April 10. Members will have two options - agree with Hanna's recommendation or disagree. If they side with Hanna, the charter schools can appeal to the Florida Department of Education." [Read more](#)

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- "Lagoon is dying and Brevard spends \$5 million on AstroTurf," by Florida Today's John Tobia: [Read more](#)

**MR. FEELGOOD - "Ex-Boca school counselor used exotic dancer models to push fentanyl," by Palm Beach Post's John Pacenti and Holly Baltz:** "Alec Burlakoff once worked as a guidance counselor and basketball coach at a private Boca Raton prep school, but then he jumped into the cutthroat world of pharmaceuticals. It would never be the same. As national sales chief for Insys Therapeutics, he helped direct the hiring of a former exotic dancer from West Palm Beach, models and even a reality TV star who posed for Playboy to peddle [one of the most dangerous drugs doctors can prescribe](#): a spray form of fentanyl. Now, [he stands charged](#) as the sales mastermind, the chief driver of what federal prosecutors call a national criminal conspiracy to catapult sales for the fentanyl spray called Subsys by bribing doctors to prescribe it through a

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'sham' speakers program." [Read more](#)

**GATOR! - "Dead gator causing 'unbearable stench' in Loxahatchee woman's backyard," by Palm Beach Post's Chelsea Todaro:** "A homeowner in Loxahatchee said she is trying to get rid of an 'unbearable stench' in her neighborhood caused by a dead alligator in her backyard, [our news partners at WPTV report](#). [Crash with alligator sends woman's car into wipeout on I-75](#). Stacey Rutherford told [WPTV](#) that she found the 9-foot reptile carcass on Friday, but is having problems removing it from her property. 'It's gross. It's gross I just want it gone,' she said to WPTV. 'You can't make it up!'" [Read more](#)

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**Washington**

— This afternoon, Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) announced Michael A. Needham would serve as his next chief of staff:

"Mike brings a wealth of policy, political, and management experience that will greatly complement our office's mission of serving the people of Florida and leading the effort to modernize the conservative movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Mike understands and shares these goals, and I look forward to his contributions."

Needham

is the co-founder of Heritage Action for America, where he has been responsible for setting the strategy and vision of Heritage Action while ensuring it advances the mission of The Heritage Foundation.

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Coles James, president of The Heritage Foundation, released the following statement:

"Congress has long been the home of extraordinary staffers, so it's no surprise one of the Senate's champions of conservatism, Marco Rubio, would turn to our very own Mike Needham for his next Chief of Staff! We are excited for Mike and hope his new journey brings him back frequently to his many friends at Heritage."

Heritage

Action released the following statement from chief operating officer Tim Chapman:

"Over the past several years, Mike has gained the reputation as a leading conservative thought leader. He has a unique ability to identify political and cultural trends across our nation and articulate the role conservative policies can play in solving our nation's most pressing challenges.

"Senator Rubio has embarked on a similar course in the United States Senate.

While Rubio's gain will be Heritage Action's loss, there is no doubt that this is an exciting time for the conservative movement committed to identifying conservative solutions to our nation's 21st century challenges."

Needham appeared

regularly on television, including Fox News, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, and CBS. Prior to his role at Heritage Action, Needham served in four different roles at The Heritage Foundation, including Chief of Staff, advisor to the President, and a director in The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies.

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### NEWS

#### Florida voters will be asked to restore felon voting rights

Naples Daily News

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Former felons could have their **Florida** voting rights restored under a proposed constitutional amendment headed to voters in **November**, a measure that could have a significant impact on a **state** known for historically close **elections**. Floridians for a Fair Democracy has more ...

[Florida Voters Will Be Asked to Restore Felon Voting Rights](#) - U.S. News & World Report

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#### Florida accidentally released data on 945 Kansas voters

The Ledger

In response to the data exposure, **Florida election** officials offered a year of free fraud detection and protection services to those affected by the data release. This is at least the third time since 2015 that Gov. Rick Scott's administration has inadvertently released confidential personal data of private ...

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#### Voter Data For Nearly 1K Kansas Residents Exposed In Florida

WUSF News

Parsa said she didn't ask for any data but was trying to determine why **Florida** decided to leave the Crosscheck program. When she saw the unsecured email, "I was floored," said Parsa, who began working with the advocacy group Indivisible Chicago after filing the request. Kansas Director of **Elections** ...

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#### Early voting under way to replace Fla. Sen. Jeff Clemens; cost to taxpayers \$1M

MyPalmBeachPost

Early voting is underway in the special primary to replace Democrat Jeff Clemens in the **Florida** Senate — part of a process that **Palm Beach County Elections** Supervisor Susan Bucher says will end up costing **state** taxpayers about \$1 million. Three early voting sites opened Saturday and have drawn ...

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#### Bilingual ballots could be six-figure proposition for county

Gainesville Times

The question will be investigated by the **Hall County Elections** Board this year after the board voted to rescind an earlier action approving bilingual ballots ... In the **Florida** County, it cost \$47,221 to offer Spanish-language ballots in the 2016 presidential primary and \$60,900 in the general, putting the total ...

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#### What's at Play in the 2018 Governors' Races

New York Magazine

Democrats have steadily lost ground in both federal and **state elections** over the last decade thanks in part to gerrymandering — a recent AP report found that **Republicans** hold up to 22 more **House** seats than they should based on the average vote share, which is nearly enough to close the 24-member ...

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Costly affair: \$1 million for special **election** to replace Clemens



Palm Beach Post

The special **election** process to replace Democrat Jeff Clemens in the **Florida** Senate is underway, and Palm Beach County **Elections** Supervisor Susan Bucher says it will cost state taxpayers about \$1 million by the time the seat is filled. Clemens resigned Oct. 27 after admitting to an extramarital affair ...

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### Costly affair: \$1 million for special **election** to replace Clemens

Palm Beach Post (blog)

**Florida** Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, addresses the chamber at the start of the 2018 session this month. (George Bennett/The Palm Beach Post). The special **election** process to replace Democrat Jeff Clemens in the **Florida** Senate is underway, and Palm Beach County **Elections** Supervisor ...

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### **Florida** makes info on 1K Kansas voters public, lawmakers ask DHS to clarify role regarding ...

SC Magazine

Kobach, who most recently co-chaired, along with Vice President Mike Pence, the now-defunct President's Commission on **Election** Integrity, said "if the Crosscheck program were to go away, then we would be unable to catch virtually all of the double voters," of which, he claimed, "there are thousands" ...

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### Join **FLORIDA** TODAY for State of the Union watch party on Jan. 30

Florida Today

With the mid-term **elections** coming up, Trump is expected to use the address to promote his agenda and tout his accomplishments, such as the tax reform package he recently signed, a strong stock market and low unemployment rates. As presidents before him, Trump will also use the address before ...

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## We just filed a new lawsuit.

Dear Supporter,

On Friday, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law filed a new lawsuit against the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security for blocking the public release of information related to their work with the now-defunct Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. Let me explain why our suit is so important.

During its existence, the Commission operated under a cloud of pervasive secrecy, in violation of federal law, and refused to make almost all of its records available to the public. Our lawsuit filed last summer helped expose this fact, ultimately forcing President Trump to disband the Commission. After disbanding earlier this month, former Vice Chair Kris Kobach and senior White House officials indicated that the Commission was sending its preliminary findings to DHS for further review. Since then the Administration, including DOJ and DHS, continues to shift its public statements regarding the retention of the Commission's work and deny even the most basic requests for information. We also know that officials at DOJ and DHS were frequently communicating and exchanging information with Commission members.

What are they hiding?

[Our new lawsuit concerns the Trump administration's repeated failure to abide by basic requirements of openness and transparency.](#)

We know that while this Administration may choose to ignore reasonable requests for information about its work, it cannot ignore a court order that mandates the production of records on matters that affect millions of Americans. Through our lawsuit, we seek to expose the ways in which DOJ and DHS may now be working to carry forth the Commission's unlawful activities. We will not stand by idly and allow this Administration to freely carry forth its voter suppression agenda. We will continue holding this Administration accountable when they work to undermine the voting rights of Americans.

In Justice,



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## A Blockbuster Year for Redistricting

The Supreme Court's docket for this term is packed with redistricting cases that could redefine the political landscape in 2018 – with no fewer than **six cases** now at the high court, including at least two that will be argued this spring.

For starters, there are the blockbuster partisan gerrymandering cases. The Court delved into the topic last October with argument in a landmark **case** that challenged Wisconsin's state-legislative map as a partisan gerrymander. The Court will pick up partisan-gerrymandering again in March, with oral argument in a **case** that challenges the constitutionality of Maryland's 2011 congressional map, a notable Democratic gerrymander. These cases may soon be joined by a third if it grants a request that it expedite review of an **opinion** that declared North Carolina's congressional map invalid for partisan gerrymandering.

Then in April, the Court will hear an appeal in a long-running case out of **Texas** that seeks to overturn a lower-court opinion ruling that the state's 2013 congressional and state house maps were intentionally discriminatory and contained racial gerrymanders and Voting Rights Act violations. If the Court upholds the intentional discrimination finding, Texas could be placed back under preclearance coverage using the "bail-in" provisions of the Voting Rights Act.

In Pennsylvania, a state whose 2011 congressional map is one of the **worst gerrymanders** of the decade the Pennsylvania Supreme Court **held** that the map is unconstitutional under state law – the first ever such ruling by a state court.

For the latest updates on all these pending redistricting cases and more, click [here](#).

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## Citizenship Question on the Census Risks an Accurate Count

A surprise request from the Department of Justice to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census has ignited concerns of census failure. The Justice Department **says** it wants citizenship data to aid its enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.

**Civil rights advocates** and **some members of Congress** however, have pushed back against the DOJ's request, arguing that estimates of citizen-age population from the American Community Survey continue to be sufficient for VRA purposes and raising concerns that immigrants will decline to participate in the census out of fear that their responses will be used against them by immigration authorities and other government officials. They also raised concerns that the request to add the question comes late in the census design process and would not allow adequate time for design and testing.

Support for the proposal has come largely from controversial figures, including Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, who headed the Trump Administration's discredited voter fraud commission. Kobach wrote in an **op-ed** published by Breitbart that he supported adding a citizenship question, explaining his belief that it would allow Congress to apportion seats in the House of Representatives, and allow states to draw districts, based on the number of citizens rather than total population. As the Brennan Center has **previously explained**, redistricting based on the number of eligible voters instead of total population would require significant changes to every state's current legislative plans and would make it

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harder to draw majority-minority districts.

Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross has final responsibility for determining whether a citizenship question will be added to the census. The Secretary must submit the final wording for census questions to Congress by April 1, 2018.

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## Featured Map

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Source: *Second Amended Complaint at 28, Shapiro v. McManus, et al., No. 13-cv-3233, (D.Md.Loc.Admin. R. (a)(2).*

**Benisek v. Lamone** is a partisan gerrymandering case challenging the unconstitutionality of Maryland's 6th Congressional District. The plaintiffs—all Republican voters—**contend** that Democratic legislators violated the First Amendment when they diminished Republicans' ability to elect their candidates of choice from the 6th District. According to the plaintiffs, the legislators relied on voting history and political party affiliation to purposefully flip that district from Republican to Democratic control. The plaintiffs are asking the Supreme Court to strike down the district as an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander.

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## Best of the Rest

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- The Brennan Center's Thomas Wolf **explains** five key takeaways from a momentous ruling that struck down North Carolina's congressional map for partisan gerrymandering.
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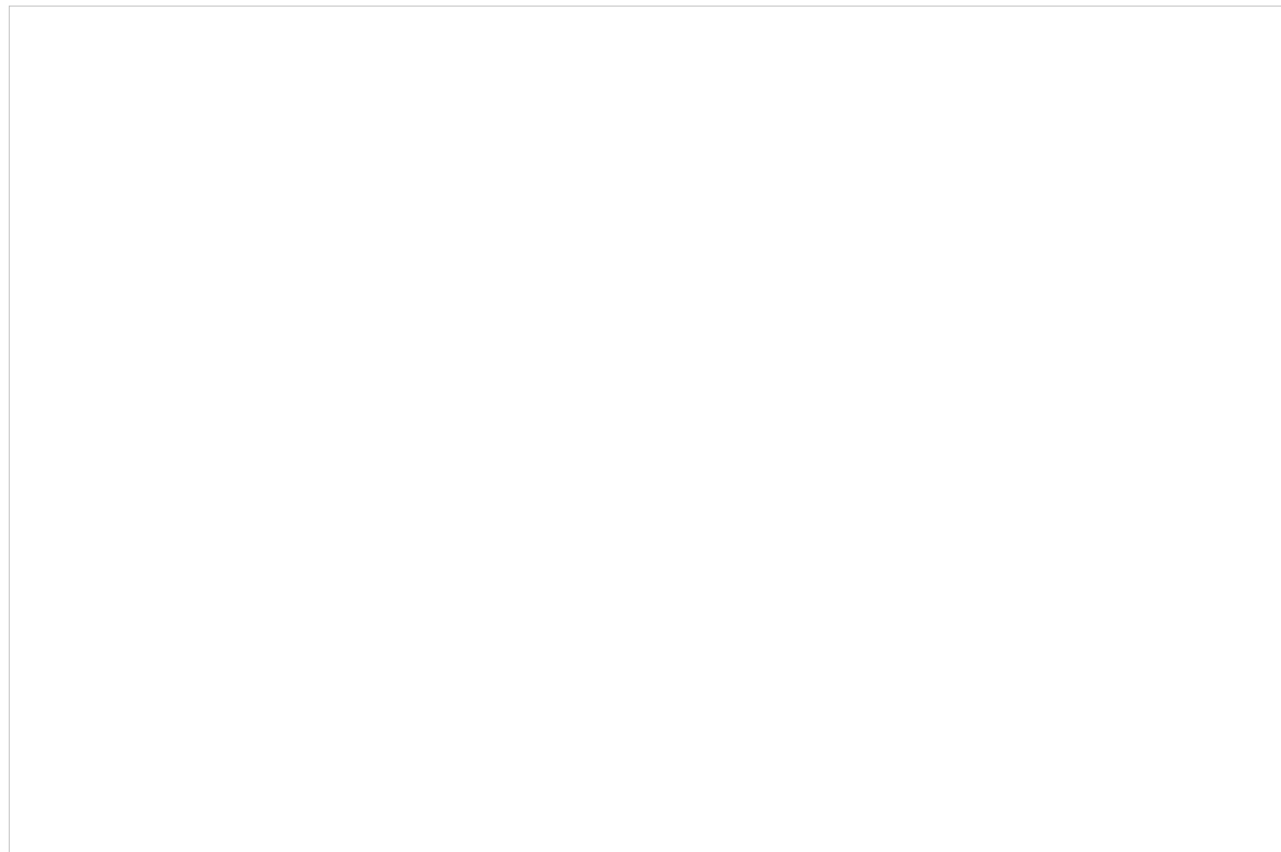
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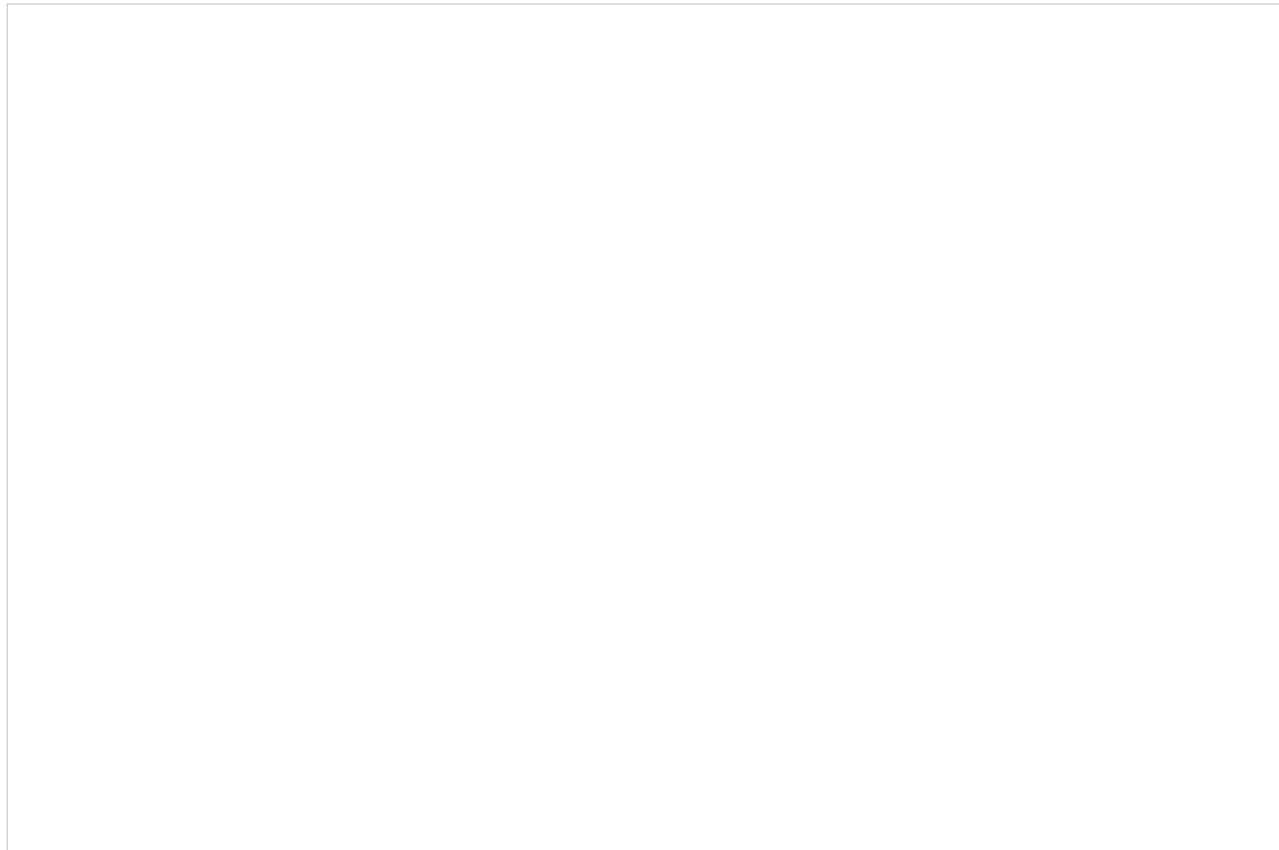
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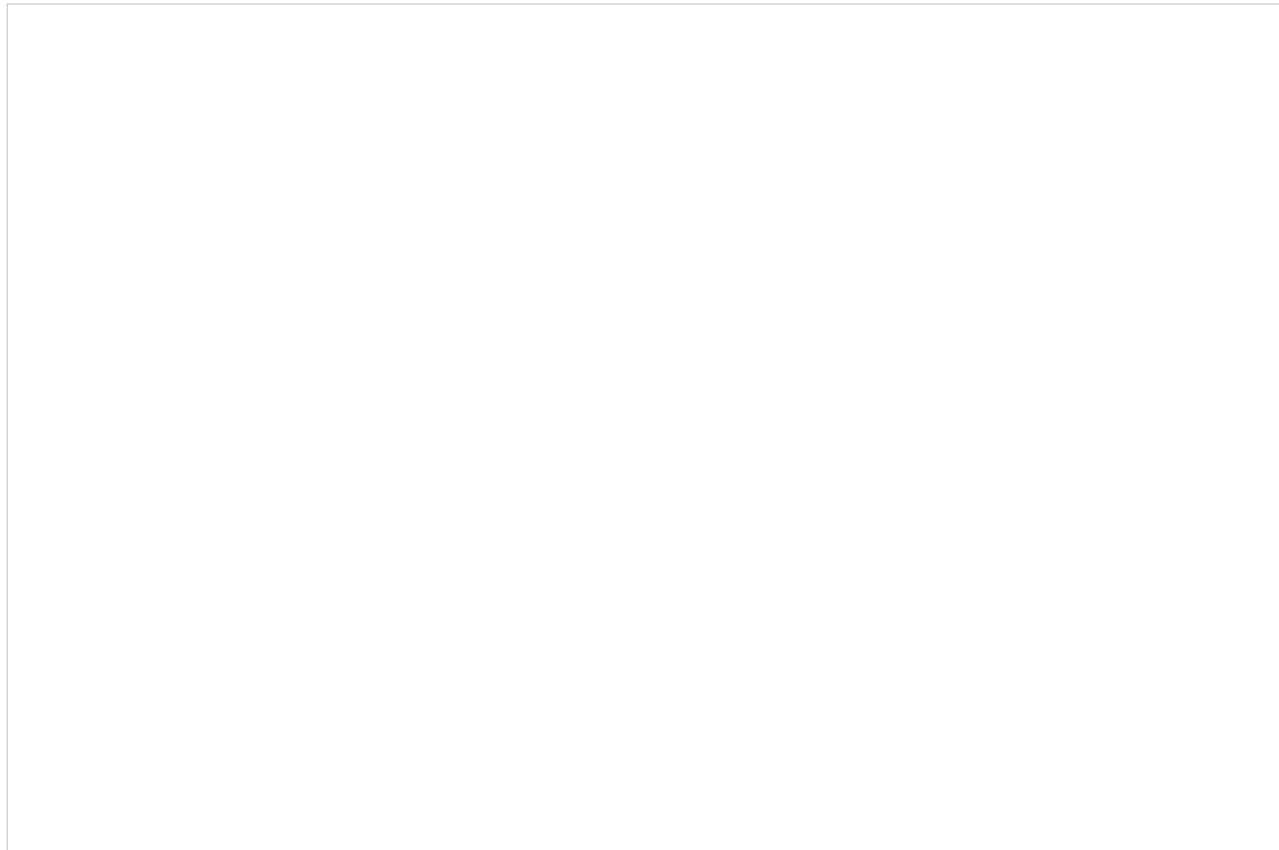
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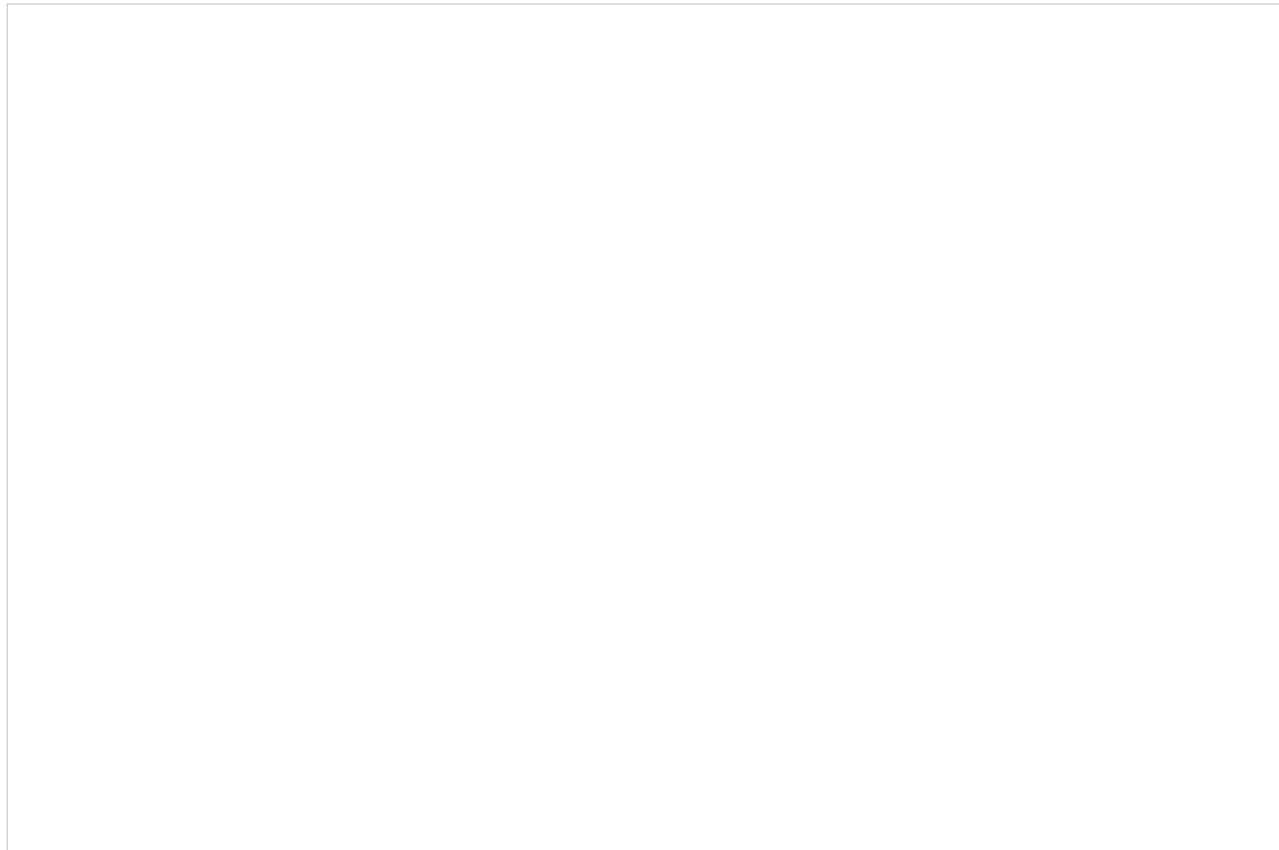
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Okay. I have a call in to Christy McCormick, a member of the EAC, to discuss with her. Will send the docs now.

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On Wednesday, March 7, 2018, EdwardsJennifer <[JenniferEdwards@colliergov.net](mailto:JenniferEdwards@colliergov.net)> wrote:

How about 2:30 Monday? I am also emailing you some info from census and DOJ that I have been reviewing. Are you coming here or joining us via phone? Thanks, Jennifer

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Was able to pull up time change on iPad. Can we talk In advance on Monday, next week. Pick a time.  
Thank you.

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MIT's Charles Stewart has a new post up [over at Election Updates](#) looking at how public opinion about election hacking has changed since the 2016 election ... with fascinating insights into partisan differences about the seriousness of such threats:

*A recent survey of 2,000 adults shows that Americans have become more concerned about election hacking than they were in 2016, and that a partisan divide has widened over these concerns.*

*This is the second in a series of surveys I've taken in the past several months, where I have looked at opinions held by Americans about problems facing the electoral process. In a series of previous posts, I looked at public attitudes toward the Pence-Kobach Commission, on the heels of its termination in January. (You can find those posts [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).)*

*In this post, I look at the issue of hacking.*

*The story starts in November 2016, when I threw two questions onto the end of the [Survey of the Performance of American Elections](#). These questions asked respondents to report how much of a problem they thought computer hacking was in the administration of elections in 2016, both nationwide and locally.*

*Recall that news and rumors of hacking — of social media, campaign websites, voting machines, and voter registration files — were a part of the news diet at the time, but it hadn't developed into the major, multi-pronged story that it is now.*

*Back in November 2016, 17% of respondents thought computer hacking in elections was a major problem nationwide, while 10% thought it was a major problem locally.*

*What a difference a year makes. Last week, when I asked identical questions again, the percentage of Americans believing computer hacking in 2016 was a major problem had doubled — to 38% who believed it was a major problem nationwide, 20% locally.*

**Table 1. Question: How much of a problem do you believe computer hacking was [nationwide/locally] in the administration of elections in 2016?**

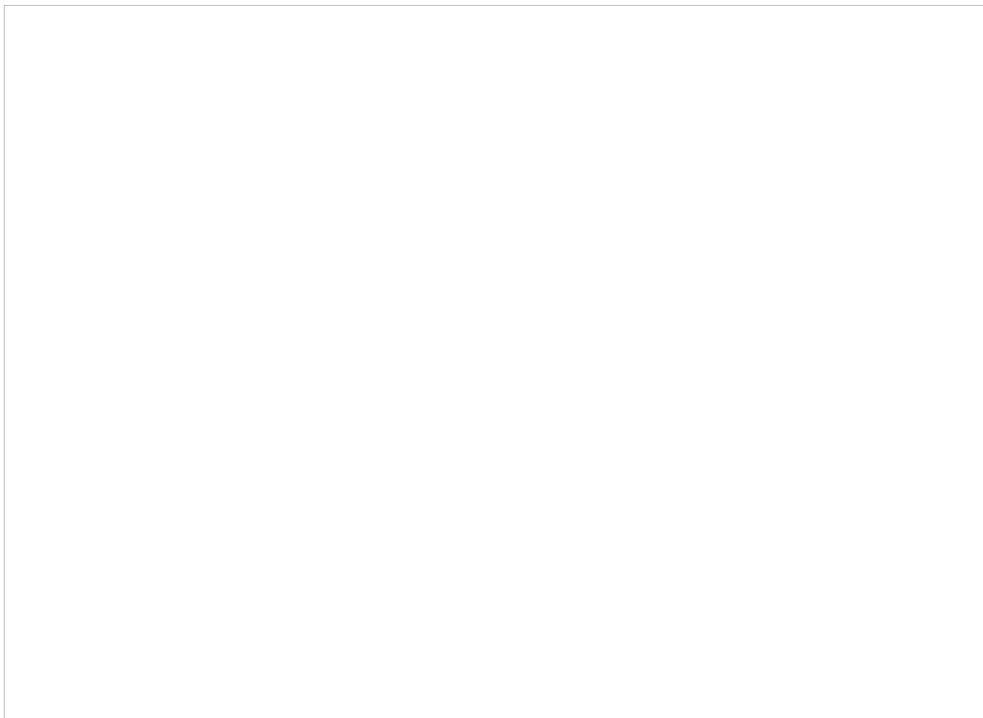
	Nationwide		Locally	
	Nov. 2016	Mar. 2018	Nov. 2016	Mar. 2018
Major problem	17%	38%	10%	20%
Minor problem	29%	28%	19%	25%

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Not a problem	28%	15%	46%	28%
Not sure	28%	20%	15%	28%
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What's especially noteworthy about this change is the partisan detail. Although respondents in all three major partisan categories (Democrats, Republicans, and Independents) were more likely to view computer hacking in 2016 as a major problem, the biggest shift came among Democrats, who went from 23% viewing hacking as a major nationwide problem when asked about it in November 2016, to 56% when asked the same question this month. (See the accompanying figures [below].) The fraction of Independents viewing hacking in the 2016 election as a major nationwide problem grew from 16% to 30%; the fraction among Republicans grew from 10% to 18%.





Similar partisan patterns appear when we look at the question of computer hacking as a local election administration problem. Among Democrats, the percentage saying that computer hacking was a major local problem in the 2016 election was 14% in November 2016, compared to 29% when the same question was asked this month. Among Republicans, the percentage had grown from 4% to 9%; among Independents, it had grown from 10% to 17%.

These results have important implications for the politics of election hacking and the policy response. Here are two quick thoughts:

+ **Leaving aside partisanship, there is greater concern with hacking as a nationwide problem than as a local problem.** This may mean greater pressure on state and national officials to address problems of election cybersecurity than on local officials. Of course, as anyone in the elections business knows, the decentralized nature of election administration in America means there are lots of small jurisdictions that are probably the most vulnerable to attacks. Whether political pressure will line up with the nature of the threat is a question that is raised by these results.

+ **Adding partisanship to the mix, and there is a significant mismatch between the Democratic and Republican mass publics about the severity of the problem.** To the degree that election security reaches the political branches, this means that Democrats are likely to feel more pressure by their strongest supporters to do something about security threats, such as pass legislation like the bipartisan **Secure Elections Act**, than Republicans. **Luckily, state and local election administrators don't need partisan pressure to be attentive to issues of security, but the partisan perception of the threat may make it hard for them to get much help legislators on the issue, depending on local circumstances. [emphasis added]**

That's enough on the partisanship angle for now. The survey contained a couple of other questions about perceptions of the threat of computer hacking in elections, which I hope to write about in the coming days.

Thanks as always to Charles for this work. These findings are obviously important in understanding the “state of play” on election security nationally; his last observation about the impact of partisan differences on policymaking is crucial and worth keeping in mind going forward. I can't wait to see Charles' other insights about this data – stay tuned!

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#### News Articles

- **Posted:** Mar 12, 2018 10:53 AM - [EAC Commissioners Issue Joint Statement Honoring Wendy Noren](#) - Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Chairman Thomas Hicks, Vice Chair Christy McCormick, and Commissioner Matthew Masterson today issued the following statement honoring the life and legacy of Wendy Noren, who served as Boone County Clerk for over three decades and as a member of the EAC's Board of Advisors, and lost her long battle with cancer on Sunday.

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In honor of Women's History Month, the EAC is running a series of interviews between Vice-Chair Christy McCormick and several of the more prominent women in the field of elections. The [latest installment](#) features Monica Flores of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's office, who talks about her background and her work on LA's pioneering work on voting technology:

**Christy, EAC:** *Thank you for joining me for this series, Monica. I wanted to start by asking you how your career in elections began.*

**Monica, VSAP:** *I was 10 years into a successful banking career when I decided to go to graduate school to pursue public administration. I enjoyed banking, but I knew that my life-long passion was in serving the public and empowering individuals who frequently have their voice silenced.*

*While at graduate school, I attended a career fair to start looking for a part-time job to help pay the bills until I finished school. I came across the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's booth that happened to be recruiting poll workers. In addition to submitting a poll worker application, they invited me to leave my resume in case they had positions open up in the future. I received a call three months later asking if I was interested in a part-time position with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. I accepted the position, assuming it would be a great part-time job while I was at school. This year will be 10 years since graduating and I'm still here!*

**Christy, EAC:** *You have not only served in Los Angeles County during a unique time of innovation, but have been a leader in creating that innovation. Los Angeles County is replacing the voting system it relied upon for decades and is engaged in an unprecedented effort to overhaul the entire experience of voting. Before we dive into the details the new system, please explain why the approach of the Voting Solutions for All People initiative is so novel.*

**Monica, VSAP:** *The VSAP approaches voting system development and implementation in a way that it has never been done*

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before. Traditionally, when a county needs a new voting system, they go out and select from a limited amount of options available from vendors. There is not much competition in the market, so vendors have not developed systems with voters in mind. They focused on meeting the minimum regulations and understandably, as for-profit businesses, their profit margins.

VSAP takes a completely different approach. The project is focused on developing a voting system that is human-centered and prioritizes the needs of our voters. We have engaged over 3,800 voters, poll workers and other stakeholders through the research and design process to ensure the new voting system meets the needs of our large and diverse electorate. The end goal is to implement a voting system that was not only designed by the county and its voters, but also fully owned by the county and its voters.

**Christy, EAC: What are some of the technological innovations that came about as a result of the VSAP research?**

**Monica, VSAP:** Through our public opinion research, including surveys, focus groups, interviews and user-testing, we developed a whole new voter experience that incorporates modern technologies that voters are used to interacting with in other aspects of their lives.

We designed a Ballot Marking Device, which allows voters to use either a touchscreen or headphones with a key pad to mark and cast a paper ballot. We also designed an Interactive Sample Ballot which allows voters to make and save their ballot selections on their mobile device or home computer. After making their selections, the Interactive Sample Ballot generates a Poll Pass, which encodes voter selections in a QR code. The voter may then take that Poll Pass, on their mobile device or a paper print out, and scan it onto a Ballot Marking Device which will load their selections, allow voter to verify and change any selections, and print an official paper ballot — a process very similar to checking in online for a flight and generating a boarding pass. These technological innovations align the voting process with the life of modern day voters.

**Christy, EAC: Los Angeles County has launched a number of initiatives designed not only to teach the public about new voting technology, but also to invite them to be more informed about the election process as a whole. Could you describe some of those voter education efforts and what the impact has been?**

**Monica, VSAP:** Our office has taken a very comprehensive approach to educate and engage our voters. We have a team who attends community fairs, conferences, and other events to connect with voters face-to-face. We have also launched major multi-media campaigns and partnered with large media partners to voice our message. Finally, we are very active in social media, dispersing information and addressing questions and concerns on a regular basis. To support our messaging, we have developed a comprehensive marketing effort that includes handouts, brochures, even animated videos and documentaries. Through these efforts, we have engaged hundreds of thousands of voters and provided an effective way of receiving feedback from them.

**Christy, EAC: I understand that Los Angeles County's updated system is expected to be completely rolled out by the 2020 Presidential Primary, but there are some elements that will be implemented as part of a pilot during the 2018 midterm elections. Could you describe some of the new equipment voters may interact with during the midterm elections?**

**Monica, VSAP:** During in the midterm elections this November, we will be implementing our new Vote by Mail ballot, which is designed to be easier for voters to understand and use. We will also expand our early voting opportunities and number of Vote by Mail Ballot Drop boxes —both of these are important components of the new voter experience. Voters who vote in person will not yet see new technologies this November, but will begin to see voting become more convenient and accessible with the expansion of these services.

**Christy, EAC: The Voting Solutions for All People has attracted a lot of attention. The program was one of four finalists for the 2017 Ash Innovations in Public Engagement in Government Award and also honored with the Outstanding Innovation in Election Technology Award from the Election Verification Network. What response has the project received from other election jurisdictions, organizations and experts?**

**Monica, VSAP:** The VSAP has received a great amount of support from other jurisdictions and organizations. We are in constant communication with counties throughout the nation who want to learn more about the project and about how they can collaborate and may benefit from it. We have hosted visitors from international election administration offices, such as Mexico and Canada, who have heard about our project and want to learn more about our development process and future voter experience.

We have also received great support from local community organizations, advocacy groups, and election administration and voting technology experts. Some of these community leaders and experts have volunteered their time to serve on our VSAP Advisory Committee and VSAP Technical Advisory Committee. These two groups have guided the project since its research and design phase and continue to provide great input as we move into implementation. These individuals have all been our biggest cheerleaders along the way, and I am extremely grateful to them!

We at the EAC would like to thank Monica for her insight. Keep checking our blog for conversations with **"Women in Elections"** throughout Women's History Month and help us celebrate these leaders in the election community.

I once had the pleasure of riding along with Monica as part of an Election Day voter experience survey in Los Angeles; as we went from polling place to polling place it was evident how much she loves her work — and the voters she works with. It was also abundantly clear how good she is at what she does — another reason why LA County is so widely regarded across the nation. Thanks to the EAC for hosting this series — and congratulations to Monica for a well-deserved national platform for her accomplishments!







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The Northwest Florida Daily News

In response to Robertson's concerns, Lux said Wednesday his office does not have jurisdiction to investigate claims of election tampering or public slander. "I put Mr. Robertson in touch with the two agencies that can help him: the **Florida Elections** Commission and the Florida Commission on Ethics," ...



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#### Leading Purveyors Of Bogus Voter Fraud Claims Lose Big Case In FL

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A member of President Trump's now-defunct **voter** fraud commission suffered a major defeat Friday, when a federal judge in **Florida** ruled against a lawsuit aimed at purging voters from the rolls. The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF), a group led by the conservative **voting** activist J. Christian Adams ...



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#### 3/30/18: Felon Voting Rights, Political Spending, Underwater Mortgages

WLRN

A federal judge this week gave Governor Rick Scott one month to create a new system for restoring the **voting** rights of felons who have served their time. U.S. District Judge Mark Walker sided with the Fair **Elections** Legal Network. The group sued the state last year over the constitutionality of **Florida's** ...



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#### Florida an Outlier on Restoring Felons' Voting Rights

My Panhandle

Tallahassee, Fla. - (The News Service of **Florida**) **Florida** voters this fall will get to decide whether convicted felons who've served their time and paid restitution should automatically have **voting** rights restored. But in the meantime, Gov. Rick Scott and the **Florida** Cabinet have a month to revamp what ...



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#### Parkland students urge followers to #VoteHimOut, targeting Rep. Randy Fine, others

Florida Today

Parkland students took to Twitter on Friday urging citizens to **vote** out **Florida** Rep. Randy Fine, who plans to file legislation to repeal gun control measures put in place after the Parkland school shooting. Jaclyn Corin, 17, a junior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, tweeted: "**Florida** ...



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#### Florida school shooting survivors march on unfazed by personal attacks

The Guardian

The organizers have stayed focused on their goal: making an impact on the 2018 **elections**. Less than 48 hours after the March for Our Lives ended, David Hogg, one of the most prominent Marjory Stoneman Douglas student activists, announced a plan to hold town halls across American on 7 April to ...





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## Law targeting **Florida** teachers unions turns into political rallying cry

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A move by the Republican-led Legislature that could weaken the Democratic-allied state teachers unions is showing signs of having the opposite effect as an epic **election**-year unfolds in **Florida**. A provision tucked into a sweeping education proposal recently signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott requires ...



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## Unconstitutional Clemency Ruling Creates Multiple Restoration Scenarios

WFSU

Judge Mark Walker's decision on **Florida's** felon **voting** rights process has breathed new life into the restoration debate. By declaring the process unconstitutional and giving Governor Rick Scott a deadline to create a new system, Walker has opened the door to many scenarios. Melvin Blackshear is an ...



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## March 30 letters

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Broward County is now the most reliably Democratic county in the state, with the exception of the much less populous and majority African American Gadsden County in North **Florida**. This change in **voting** tendencies can be attributed to the large migrations of middle and upper-class snowbirds and ...



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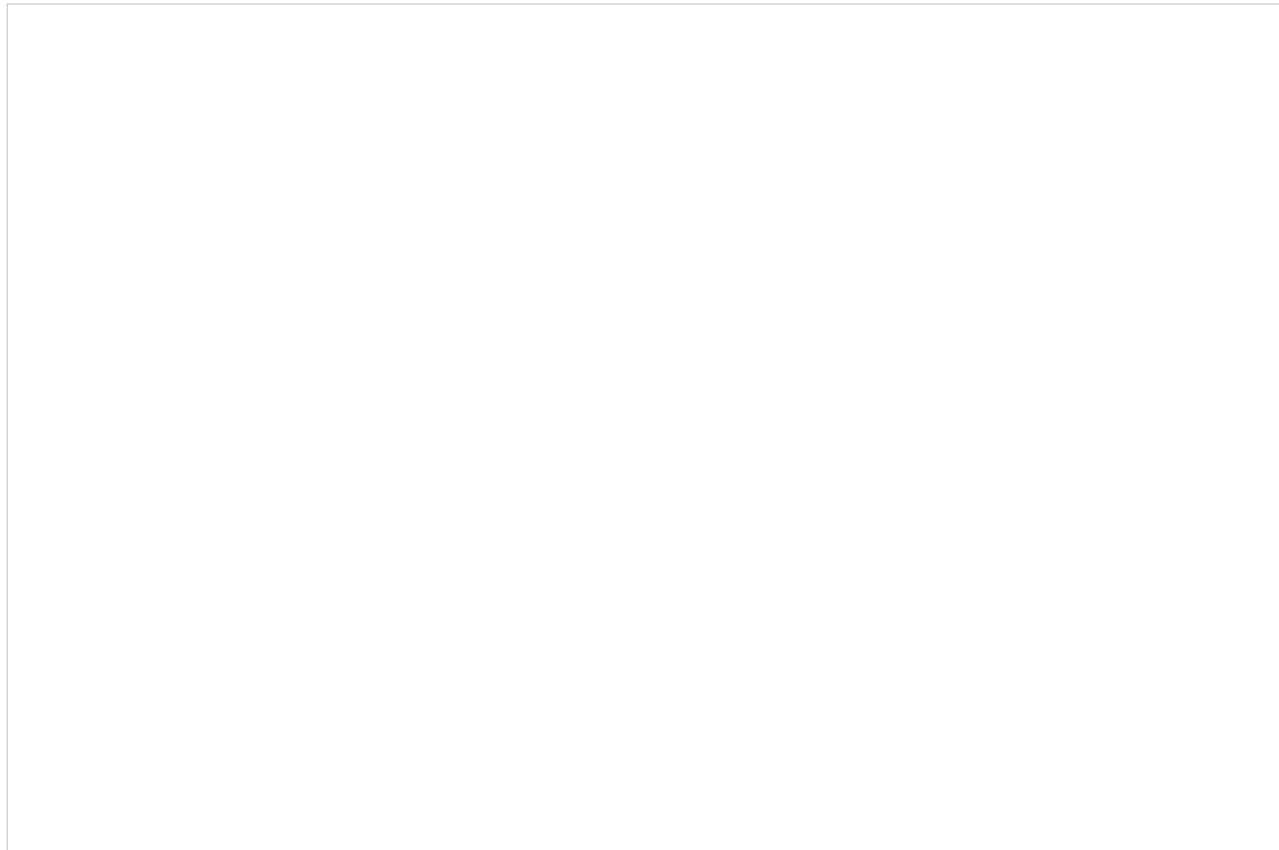
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## Election Academy: Sunflower State Stare-Down: County Election Commissioners, Officials Differ on Kansas Budget Legislation

### Sunflower State Stare-Down: County Election Commissioners, Officials Differ on Kansas Budget Legislation

Posted: 07 Feb 2018 05:00 AM PST



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New legislation in Kansas is pitting election commissioners in the state's four largest counties against elected county officials in a fight over who has the power to set election budgets. CJonline [has more](#):

*Secretary of State Kris Kobach and election officials in the state's four large counties Tuesday opposed a bill designed to shift budget authority for elections in the counties of Shawnee, Sedgwick, Johnson and Wyandotte in hands of county commissions.*

*Kobach argued Kansas law permitted election officers in each of these counties — all appointed by Kobach — to unilaterally certify an annual budget to their respective county commission, which must be financed regardless of amount. Attorney General Derek Schmidt issued a nonbinding opinion last August affirming Kobach's interpretation of state law.*

*Under Senate Bill 299, county commissions in these four jurisdictions would be given authority for election budgets and decisions on personnel policy.*

*During a Senate hearing, the big-four county election commissioners endorsed the status quo. Representatives of the four county governments urged reform.*

*Bryan Caskey, election director in Kobach's office, said elected county commissioners could force budget changes based on partisan sentiment.*

*"Election commissioners, although appointed by the secretary of state's office, are not subject to the political winds that may blow through county courthouses," Caskey said.*

One complicating factor is that the larger counties have different arrangements than others in Kansas:

*Political contests in the state's 101 other counties are administered by elected county clerks. These clerks abide by county commission budgeting and human resource policies.*

*Jim Crowl, the Shawnee County counselor, said the Senate bill was needed to resolve a simmering dispute about why had five*



say on expenditures for elections in Shawnee County. The notion that Kobach's four appointees have unchecked legal authority to spend tax dollars is unacceptable, he said.

*"This interpretation is irresponsible and unprecedented in our system of government," Crawl said.*

*He said that free-wheeling perspective led Shawnee County Elections Commissioner Andrew Howell to overspend the office's budget allotment from the county by \$85,000 in 2016 and \$184,000 in 2017. He said growth in spending by the county's election commissioner outpaced the consumer price index from 2008 to 2016.*

*In 2017, the Shawnee County Commission was so frustrated with Howell that they voted to slash his salary by 15 percent.*

For their part, the election commissioners argue that subjecting their budgets to legislative control could compromise their independence and interfere with effective election administration:

*Howell, appointed by Kobach in 2012 to run Shawnee County elections, told the Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee that he never overspent the budget amount certified by his office. On the other hand, he said, the county commission's general fund had grown by 37 percent from 2008 to 2017.*

*The proposed bill should be defeated because it would "strip the election commissioners of the independent status as envisioned by the Legislature," he said.*

*Howell said arbitrary reduction of election budgets by county commissions could result in long lines at the polls, induce poll worker mistakes and delay reporting of election results.*

*Tabitha Lehman, Sedgwick County elections commissioner, said the Sedgwick County Commission would likely constrain spending to an extent it prompted "disenfranchisement of registered Sedgwick County voters who are unable to wait in line to vote on Election Day."*

*"It will certainly impact the willingness of poll workers to return and work again," Lehman said.*

Proponents of the change aren't backing down, though, claiming that increased budget control is the only way to ensure that election offices don't violate other county policies:

*Ed Eilert, chairman of the Johnson County Commission, said time had come to mandate all 105 counties follow the same policies on budgeting, purchasing and personnel decisions.*

*"Without this change in the law," he said, "counties find themselves assuming all the liability for personnel policy violations, with none of the authority to insure compliance with countywide policies."*

It's an interesting debate – exacerbated by the state's tough fiscal climate and a general trend toward lower government spending. I'm usually one to hope for a compromise but it appears both sides are digging in on the bill ... stay tuned!





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**Re: Violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20507**

Dear Secretary Detzner:

We write to bring your attention to possible violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") in Florida. From public records obtained, six counties in Florida have more total registered voters than adult citizens over the age of 18 as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011-2015 American Community Survey. This is strong circumstantial evidence that these counties are not conducting reasonable voter registration record maintenance as mandated under the NVRA.

NVRA Section 8 requires states to do reasonable list maintenance so as to maintain accurate lists of eligible voters for use in conducting federal elections.<sup>1</sup> As you may know, Congress enacted Section 8 of the NVRA to protect the integrity of the electoral process. Allowing the names of ineligible voters to remain on the voting rolls harms the integrity of the electoral process and undermines voter confidence in the legitimacy of elections. As the U.S. Supreme Court has stated, "[P]ublic confidence in the integrity of the electoral process has independent significance, because it encourages citizen participation in the democratic process."<sup>2</sup>

This letter serves as statutory notice that Judicial Watch will bring a lawsuit against your office if you do not take specific actions to correct these violations of Section 8 within 90 days. In addition, by this letter we are asking you to produce certain records to us which you are required to make available under Section 8(i) of the NVRA.<sup>3</sup> We hope that litigation will not be necessary to enforce either of these claims.

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<sup>1</sup> In Florida, responsibility to coordinate statewide NVRA Section 8 compliance lies with the Secretary of State's Office. See Fla. Stat. § 97.012; 52 U.S.C. § 20509.

<sup>2</sup> *Crawford et al. v. Marion County Election Board*, 553 US 181, 197 (2008).

<sup>3</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).

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As the top election official in Florida, it is your responsibility under federal law to coordinate Florida's statewide effort to conduct a program that reasonably ensures the lists of eligible voters are accurate. The following information explains how we determined that your state is in violation of NVRA Section 8 and the remedial steps you now must take to comply with the law.

**1. Six Counties Have More Total Registered Voters Than Citizen Voting Age Population.**

Based on our review of 2014 Election Assistance Commission (EAC) data, the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and the November 2014 and 2016 active and inactive voter registration records, Florida is failing to comply with the voter registration list maintenance requirements of Section 8 of the NVRA. For example, a comparison of the five-year American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and 2014 EAC data shows there were more total registered voters than there were adult citizens over the age of 18 living in each of the following six counties: Clay (registration rate 101%), Flagler (106%), Okaloosa (100%), Osceola (106%), Santa Rosa (108%), and St. Johns (114%).

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This situation in Florida has, if anything, gotten worse since the publication of that report. A comparison of the November 2016 total voter registration records of these six counties obtained from your website with the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data shows that this trend has either stayed constant or has increased. The data shows that five of the six counties have more total voter registrants than citizens eligible to vote, even accounting for the U.S. Census Bureau's margin of error.

Your failure to maintain accurate, up-to-date voter registration lists has created the risk that the 2018 federal elections will lack the integrity required by federal law and by the expectations of Florida citizens, and will therefore undermine public confidence in the electoral process.

**2. The NVRA Requires You to Undertake Reasonable Efforts to Maintain Accurate Lists of Eligible Registered Voters**

Under Section 8 of the NVRA, Florida is required to undertake a uniform, nondiscriminatory voter registration list maintenance program that complies with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, Section 8 requires states to make a reasonable effort to

<sup>4</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(b)(1).



remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters due to (A) “the death of the registrant” or (B) “a change in the residence of the registrant” to a place outside the jurisdiction in which he or she is registered.<sup>5</sup> Section 8 also requires states to ensure noncitizens are not registered to vote.<sup>6</sup>

The list maintenance obligations of Section 8 of the NVRA were elaborated upon by the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”), which requires states to “ensure that voter registration records in the State are accurate and updated regularly” and undertake a “system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote from the official list of eligible voters.”<sup>7</sup> HAVA also requires each state to coordinate its computerized statewide voter registration list with state agency death records.<sup>8</sup> Finally, HAVA requires all states to remove convicted felons from the voter rolls if felons cannot vote under state law.<sup>9</sup>

As the chief state election official for Florida, you are required to lead and direct voter list maintenance efforts in your state, and you must conduct an active oversight program to monitor local county election officials’ list maintenance activities.<sup>10</sup> If your oversight reveals that counties have failed to adequately execute list maintenance tasks, you must either change the state’s program to ensure county compliance, or assume direct responsibility over the failing counties’ list maintenance tasks.<sup>11</sup>

### **3. Failure to Comply with NVRA Subjects You to Lawsuits and Financial Costs**

In passing the NVRA, Congress authorized a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the NVRA, including Section 8. Accordingly, Judicial Watch and others may bring a lawsuit against you under the NVRA if you fail to correct these violations within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.<sup>12</sup> You are receiving this letter because you are the designated chief state election official under the NVRA.

Congress also authorized awards of attorney’s fees, including litigation expenses and costs, to the prevailing party.<sup>13</sup> Consequently, if we initiate a lawsuit under the NVRA and the

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<sup>5</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4).

<sup>6</sup> *U.S. v. Florida*, 870 F. Supp. 2d 1346, 1351 (N.D. Fla. 2012) (“For noncitizens, the state’s duty is to maintain an accurate voting list . . . A state can and should . . . block[] a noncitizen from registering in the first place”).

<sup>7</sup> 52 U.S.C. §§ 21083(a)(4) and 21083(a)(4)(A).

<sup>8</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II).

<sup>9</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (ii)(I).

<sup>10</sup> *U.S. v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 850-851 (8th Cir. 2008).

<sup>11</sup> *U.S. v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 851 (8th Cir. 2008).

<sup>12</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20510(b)(2).

<sup>13</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20510(c).



court finds you in violation, you will be responsible for paying our attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses.

#### 4. Avoiding Litigation

In order to avoid litigation, we hope you will promptly initiate efforts to comply with Section 8 so that no lawsuit will be necessary. We ask you to please respond to this letter in writing no later than 45 days from today informing us of the compliance steps you are taking. Specifically, we ask you to: (1) conduct or implement a systematic, uniform, nondiscriminatory program to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of a change in residence; and (2) conduct or implement additional routine measures to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of death, change in residence, or a disqualifying criminal conviction, and to remove noncitizens who have registered to vote unlawfully.

When you respond to this letter, please identify all the steps you are taking or plan to take in detail, and advise us of the results of those efforts or the target implementation date for each activity or program you will be undertaking. If you plan to begin taking new steps in 2017 to comply with your obligations, please outline them to us in your response, providing specific dates for completion of each activity. In order to avoid litigation, we may seek certain reasonable assurances that Florida will affirmatively undertake the steps outlined, up to and including the execution of a settlement agreement between you and Judicial Watch. You may wish to consult Judicial Watch's recent settlement agreement with the State of Ohio for examples of certain activities which tend to show compliance with NVRA Section 8.<sup>14</sup> You should also evaluate whether your office is communicating and coordinating effectively for list maintenance purposes with the various federal, state, and local entities listed immediately below in Section 5 of this letter.

#### 5. Production of Records

Finally, pursuant to your obligations under the NVRA,<sup>15</sup> please make available to us all pertinent records concerning "the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency" of Florida's official eligible voter lists during the past 2 years. Please include these records with your response to this letter. These records should include, but are not limited to:

1. Copies of the most recent voter registration database from each Florida county and city mentioned in this letter, including fields indicating name, date of birth, home address, most recent voter activity, and active or inactive status.

<sup>14</sup> A copy of the Settlement Agreement between Judicial Watch and Ohio is available at <http://www.judicialwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/01-14-Ohio-Voter-Rolls-Settlement.pdf>.

<sup>15</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).



2. Copies of all email or other communications internal to the office of the Florida Secretary of State, including any of its divisions, bureaus, offices, third party agents, or contractors, (hereinafter, collectively "Secretary's Office") relating to the maintenance of accurate and current voter rolls.
3. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and all Florida County Voter Registration Officials concerning:
  - a. Instructions to the counties concerning their general list maintenance practices and obligations;
  - b. Instructions to the counties for the removal of specific noncitizens and deceased, relocated, or convicted persons identified by the Secretary's Office; and
  - c. Notices to the counties concerning any failure to comply with their voter list maintenance obligations under Florida's program.
4. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the Florida State Department of Health, the Florida State Department of Corrections, the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Florida State Judiciary concerning obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.
5. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the U.S. Attorney(s) for Florida, the U.S. District Court for Florida, the U.S. Social Security Administration, the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security concerning the National Change of Address database, the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements database, or any other means of obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.
6. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the Interstate Voter Registration Cross-Check Program, the Electronic Registration Information Center, the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems, and any other U.S. State concerning obtaining information about deceased or relocated registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.

If you do not produce these records within 45 days, or if you fail to otherwise advise us that you are making them available to us at specified times and locations, you will be deemed to be in violation of the NVRA and subject to litigation.

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Thomas J. Fitton  
April 11, 2017  
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We hope our concerns can be resolved amicably. However, if we believe you do not intend to correct the above-identified problems, a federal lawsuit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against you may be necessary. We look forward to receiving your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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**Re: Violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20507**

Dear Secretary Detzner:

We write to bring your attention to possible violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") in Florida. From public records obtained, six counties in Florida have more total registered voters than adult citizens over the age of 18 as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011-2015 American Community Survey. This is strong circumstantial evidence that these counties are not conducting reasonable voter registration record maintenance as mandated under the NVRA.

NVRA Section 8 requires states to do reasonable list maintenance so as to maintain accurate lists of eligible voters for use in conducting federal elections.<sup>1</sup> As you may know, Congress enacted Section 8 of the NVRA to protect the integrity of the electoral process. Allowing the names of ineligible voters to remain on the voting rolls harms the integrity of the electoral process and undermines voter confidence in the legitimacy of elections. As the U.S. Supreme Court has stated, "[P]ublic confidence in the integrity of the electoral process has independent significance, because it encourages citizen participation in the democratic process."<sup>2</sup>

This letter serves as statutory notice that Judicial Watch will bring a lawsuit against your office if you do not take specific actions to correct these violations of Section 8 within 90 days. In addition, by this letter we are asking you to produce certain records to us which you are required to make available under Section 8(i) of the NVRA.<sup>3</sup> We hope that litigation will not be necessary to enforce either of these claims.

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<sup>1</sup> In Florida, responsibility to coordinate statewide NVRA Section 8 compliance lies with the Secretary of State's Office. See Fla. Stat. § 97.012; 52 U.S.C. § 20509.

<sup>2</sup> *Crawford et al. v. Marion County Election Board*, 553 US 181, 197 (2008).

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As the top election official in Florida, it is your responsibility under federal law to coordinate Florida's statewide effort to conduct a program that reasonably ensures the lists of eligible voters are accurate. The following information explains how we determined that your state is in violation of NVRA Section 8 and the remedial steps you now must take to comply with the law.

**1. Six Counties Have More Total Registered Voters Than Citizen Voting Age Population.**

Based on our review of 2014 Election Assistance Commission (EAC) data, the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and the November 2014 and 2016 active and inactive voter registration records, Florida is failing to comply with the voter registration list maintenance requirements of Section 8 of the NVRA. For example, a comparison of the five-year American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and 2014 EAC data shows there were more total registered voters than there were adult citizens over the age of 18 living in each of the following six counties: Clay (registration rate 101%), Flagler (106%), Okaloosa (100%), Osceola (106%), Santa Rosa (108%), and St. Johns (114%).

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This situation in Florida has, if anything, gotten worse since the publication of that report. A comparison of the November 2016 total voter registration records of these six counties obtained from your website with the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data shows that this trend has either stayed constant or has increased. The data shows that five of the six counties have more total voter registrants than citizens eligible to vote, even accounting for the U.S. Census Bureau's margin of error.

Your failure to maintain accurate, up-to-date voter registration lists has created the risk that the 2018 federal elections will lack the integrity required by federal law and by the expectations of Florida citizens, and will therefore undermine public confidence in the electoral process.

**2. The NVRA Requires You to Undertake Reasonable Efforts to Maintain Accurate Lists of Eligible Registered Voters**

Under Section 8 of the NVRA, Florida is required to undertake a uniform, nondiscriminatory voter registration list maintenance program that complies with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, Section 8 requires states to make a reasonable effort to

<sup>4</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(b)(1).



remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters due to (A) “the death of the registrant” or (B) “a change in the residence of the registrant” to a place outside the jurisdiction in which he or she is registered.<sup>5</sup> Section 8 also requires states to ensure noncitizens are not registered to vote.<sup>6</sup>

The list maintenance obligations of Section 8 of the NVRA were elaborated upon by the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”), which requires states to “ensure that voter registration records in the State are accurate and updated regularly” and undertake a “system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote from the official list of eligible voters.”<sup>7</sup> HAVA also requires each state to coordinate its computerized statewide voter registration list with state agency death records.<sup>8</sup> Finally, HAVA requires all states to remove convicted felons from the voter rolls if felons cannot vote under state law.<sup>9</sup>

As the chief state election official for Florida, you are required to lead and direct voter list maintenance efforts in your state, and you must conduct an active oversight program to monitor local county election officials’ list maintenance activities.<sup>10</sup> If your oversight reveals that counties have failed to adequately execute list maintenance tasks, you must either change the state’s program to ensure county compliance, or assume direct responsibility over the failing counties’ list maintenance tasks.<sup>11</sup>

### **3. Failure to Comply with NVRA Subjects You to Lawsuits and Financial Costs**

In passing the NVRA, Congress authorized a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the NVRA, including Section 8. Accordingly, Judicial Watch and others may bring a lawsuit against you under the NVRA if you fail to correct these violations within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.<sup>12</sup> You are receiving this letter because you are the designated chief state election official under the NVRA.

Congress also authorized awards of attorney’s fees, including litigation expenses and costs, to the prevailing party.<sup>13</sup> Consequently, if we initiate a lawsuit under the NVRA and the

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<sup>5</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4).

<sup>6</sup> *U.S. v. Florida*, 870 F. Supp. 2d 1346, 1351 (N.D. Fla. 2012) (“For noncitizens, the state’s duty is to maintain an accurate voting list . . . A state can and should . . . block[] a noncitizen from registering in the first place”).

<sup>7</sup> 52 U.S.C. §§ 21083(a)(4) and 21083(a)(4)(A).

<sup>8</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II).

<sup>9</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (ii)(I).

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court finds you in violation, you will be responsible for paying our attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses.

#### 4. Avoiding Litigation

In order to avoid litigation, we hope you will promptly initiate efforts to comply with Section 8 so that no lawsuit will be necessary. We ask you to please respond to this letter in writing no later than 45 days from today informing us of the compliance steps you are taking. Specifically, we ask you to: (1) conduct or implement a systematic, uniform, nondiscriminatory program to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of a change in residence; and (2) conduct or implement additional routine measures to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of death, change in residence, or a disqualifying criminal conviction, and to remove noncitizens who have registered to vote unlawfully.

When you respond to this letter, please identify all the steps you are taking or plan to take in detail, and advise us of the results of those efforts or the target implementation date for each activity or program you will be undertaking. If you plan to begin taking new steps in 2017 to comply with your obligations, please outline them to us in your response, providing specific dates for completion of each activity. In order to avoid litigation, we may seek certain reasonable assurances that Florida will affirmatively undertake the steps outlined, up to and including the execution of a settlement agreement between you and Judicial Watch. You may wish to consult Judicial Watch's recent settlement agreement with the State of Ohio for examples of certain activities which tend to show compliance with NVRA Section 8.<sup>14</sup> You should also evaluate whether your office is communicating and coordinating effectively for list maintenance purposes with the various federal, state, and local entities listed immediately below in Section 5 of this letter.

#### 5. Production of Records

Finally, pursuant to your obligations under the NVRA,<sup>15</sup> please make available to us all pertinent records concerning "the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency" of Florida's official eligible voter lists during the past 2 years. Please include these records with your response to this letter. These records should include, but are not limited to:

1. Copies of the most recent voter registration database from each Florida county and city mentioned in this letter, including fields indicating name, date of birth, home address, most recent voter activity, and active or inactive status.

<sup>14</sup> A copy of the Settlement Agreement between Judicial Watch and Ohio is available at <http://www.judicialwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/01-14-Ohio-Voter-Rolls-Settlement.pdf>.

<sup>15</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).



2. Copies of all email or other communications internal to the office of the Florida Secretary of State, including any of its divisions, bureaus, offices, third party agents, or contractors, (hereinafter, collectively "Secretary's Office") relating to the maintenance of accurate and current voter rolls.
3. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and all Florida County Voter Registration Officials concerning:
  - a. Instructions to the counties concerning their general list maintenance practices and obligations;
  - b. Instructions to the counties for the removal of specific noncitizens and deceased, relocated, or convicted persons identified by the Secretary's Office; and
  - c. Notices to the counties concerning any failure to comply with their voter list maintenance obligations under Florida's program.
4. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the Florida State Department of Health, the Florida State Department of Corrections, the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Florida State Judiciary concerning obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.
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If you do not produce these records within 45 days, or if you fail to otherwise advise us that you are making them available to us at specified times and locations, you will be deemed to be in violation of the NVRA and subject to litigation.

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We hope our concerns can be resolved amicably. However, if we believe you do not intend to correct the above-identified problems, a federal lawsuit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against you may be necessary. We look forward to receiving your prompt response.

Sincerely,

**JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.**



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# Court Report

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## How One Conservative Think Tank Is Stocking Trump's Government

By placing its people throughout the administration, the Heritage Foundation has succeeded in furthering its right-wing agenda.

June 20, 2018

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On the day after Thanksgiving in 2016, Ed Corrigan, then the vice president for policy promotion at the Heritage Foundation, was summoned to Trump Tower in New York to join the senior leadership team of the Trump transition. From inside the building where the climactic personnel decisions of “The Apprentice” were once taped, Corrigan oversaw the staffing of 10 different domestic agencies. Donald Trump, the former reality-TV star, was now the president-elect of the United States, and he had an administration to fill.

The job of staffing the government is the first, and in many ways defining, challenge faced by every president. As the size of the government has grown to accommodate the nation's economy, frequent military interventions and increasingly complex geopolitical obligations, so have the scale and gravity of the task. In 1933, there were just over 200 presidential appointees in the executive and legislative branches. At the end of the Barack Obama's second term, there were 4,100.

Filling enough of these jobs in time to get the government off the ground on Jan. 20 is difficult in the best of circumstances, which is to say when the president-elect has some sort of pre-existing political infrastructure to draw upon. Even Ronald Reagan, who, like Trump, campaigned as a Washington outsider, relied on both his inner circle from the California Statehouse and a kitchen cabinet of mostly self-made millionaires who helped finance his political rise. Trump would be coming to the White House with little more than the remnants of a campaign staff that included his daughter and son-in-law, a contestant from his reality-TV show and his longtime bodyguard. What is more, in the days after his election, Donald Trump replaced the head of his preliminary transition operation, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, with Vice President-elect Mike Pence and purged Christie's allies from the team, throwing away months' worth of their work recruiting and vetting personnel; a senior Trump aide, Stephen K. Bannon, made a show of gleefully dumping binders filled with résumés into the trash.

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The Trump team may not have been prepared to staff the government, but the Heritage Foundation was. In the summer of 2014, a year before Trump even declared his candidacy, the right-wing think tank had started assembling a 3,000-name searchable database of trusted movement conservatives from around the country who were eager to serve in a post-Obama government. The initiative was called the Project to Restore America, a dog-whistle appeal to the so-called silent majority that foreshadowed Trump's own campaign slogan.



In some ways, Trump and Heritage were an unlikely match. Trump had no personal connection to the think tank and had fared poorly on a “Presidential Platform Review” from its sister lobbying shop, Heritage Action for America, which essentially concluded that he wasn’t even a conservative. (“Despite his rhetoric, Trump’s history suggests a reluctance to engage in debates over protecting civil society from the imposition of left-wing values,” it read in part.) After Trump mocked John McCain’s P.O.W. experience in Vietnam, Heritage Action’s chief executive, Michael Needham, called the candidate “a clown” on Fox News and said “he needs to be out of the race.” Trump claimed to want to shake up the Washington establishment. The Heritage Foundation is a Washington institution. Its large, stately headquarters sits just a few blocks from Capitol Hill.

And yet Heritage and Trump were uniquely positioned to help each other. Much like Trump’s, Heritage’s constituency is equal parts donor class and populist base. Its \$80 million annual budget depends on six-figure donations from rich Republicans like Rebekah Mercer, whose family foundation has reportedly given Heritage \$500,000 a year since 2013. But it also relies on a network of 500,000 small donors, Heritage “members” whom it bombards with millions of pieces of direct mail every year. The Heritage Foundation is a marketing company, a branding agency — it sells its own Heritage neckties, embroidered with miniature versions of its Liberty Bell logo — and a policy shop rolled into one. But above all, Heritage is a networking group. It has spent decades fashioning itself into the hub of a constellation of conservative individuals and organizations united by their opposition to government regulations — from taxes to gun control to environmental protections — and socially progressive causes like same-sex marriage.

Today it is clear that for all the chaos and churn of the current administration, Heritage has achieved a huge strategic victory. Those who worked on the project estimate that hundreds of the people the think tank put forward landed jobs, in just about every government agency. Heritage’s recommendations included some of the most prominent members of Trump’s cabinet: Scott Pruitt, Betsy DeVos (whose in-laws endowed Heritage’s Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society), Mick Mulvaney, Rick Perry, Jeff Sessions and many more. Dozens of Heritage employees and alumni also joined the Trump administration — at last count 66 of them, according to Heritage, with two more still awaiting Senate confirmation. It is a kind of critical mass that Heritage had been working toward for nearly a half-century.

**“Feulner’s first law** is people are policy,” Ed Feulner, Heritage’s founder and former president, told me recently. Feulner was the head of domestic policy for the Trump transition, charting the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture and several other agencies. We met late on a Friday afternoon, in a sitting room at the Metropolitan Club in Washington, a private social club founded by a group of Treasury Department officials during the Civil War. At his feet as we spoke sat a small box of table cards for a dinner he was hosting at the club that evening for the newly appointed director of Trump’s National Economic Council, the television personality Larry Kudlow — another name on Heritage’s Project to Restore America list. Now 76, ruddy, white-haired and content, almost jovial, Feulner founded Heritage decades ago as an ambitious young legislative aide with a radical dream built on a simple concept. As he put it, sinking deeper into his club chair: “First, you have to have the right people.”

Heritage was born in the spring of 1971 in the basement cafeteria of the United States Capitol. Feulner had just turned 30 and was working for Representative Philip Crane, an Illinois Republican who had written a book, “The Democrat’s Dilemma: How the Liberal Left Captured the Democratic Party,” arguing that left-wing radicals inspired by the Fabian Society, a socialist group in Britain, were secretly trying to turn America into a socialist state via the Democratic Party. As an undergraduate at Regis College, Feulner had been drawn to an emerging conservative movement that saw as its enemy not only Democrats but also moderate Republicans who threatened to do to their party what they believed the Fabians had done to the Democrats. In 1964, as a graduate student at the Wharton School, he organized a campus group to support the insurgent presidential candidacy of his political hero, Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

Ed Feulner/John Rattman for The New York Times

Over breakfast at the Capitol, Feulner and another Hill aide, 28-year-old Paul M. Weyrich — later credited with coining the phrase “moral majority” — commiserated over a recent study from the American Enterprise Institute, an established conservative think tank, about a proposed supersonic transport plane. The report could have helped buttress their

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argument that the government should continue to fund the plane as part of its effort to win the Cold War, but A.E.I. had withheld it until after the Senate voted on the issue so as not to bias the debate. This was, to their thinking, the wrong approach. What if they could create a new sort of think tank, one that would actively seek to cultivate and influence politicians, and in the process advance the cause of movement conservatism?

Soon after, they made their pitch to Joseph Coors, the highly motivated Colorado beer baron who would later, at the suggestion of the Reagan White House aide and future National Rifle Association president Oliver North, wire \$65,000 to a Swiss bank account to buy a cargo plane for Nicaraguan rebels. Coors had come to Washington in search of a conservative institution in which to invest. The meeting was held in the office of the irreverent ex-newspaperman and Nixon aide Lyn Nofziger. Weyrich had heard that Coors was also considering investing in A.E.I., which gave Nofziger the idea for “a little artifice,” as the official history of the Heritage Foundation describes it. Before Coors arrived, Nofziger sprinkled some cigar ashes on a thick American Enterprise Institute study resting on his bookshelf. When Coors asked about A.E.I., he took the book off-the-shelf and blew off the ashes. “A.E.I.?” he asked. “That’s what they’re good for — collecting dust.”

Coors invested \$260,000 in the new venture, and within a few years, Heritage had taken its place at the center of the growing conservative counterestablishment. Its initial fund-raising success foreshadowed the rise of the Republican donor class as a political force: Another early and generous giver was the banking and oil heir Richard Mellon Scaife, who went on to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in conservative media outlets and nonprofit organizations that, among other projects, targeted the Clintons during the 1990s. (Heritage trustees used to joke that Coors gave six-packs; Scaife gave cases.)

Feulner packaged his fledgling think tank’s ideology into five basic principles: free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional values and a strong national defense. They would guide Heritage’s agenda, which would be set by Feulner and his senior leadership team. Feulner also anticipated the danger of his new think tank’s being dismissed as a tool of rich Republicans. To build a Heritage member base that would assert the foundation’s anti-establishment identity, he turned to Richard Viguerie, the conservative marketing pioneer known for his high-quality mailing list and his uniquely apocalyptic warnings of imminent national collapse.

Think tanks are sometimes referred to as universities without students, suggesting intellectual diversity within a general philosophical orientation. Heritage, by contrast, was strictly results-oriented. Feulner once likened his strategy to Procter & Gamble’s approach to Crest toothpaste: “They sell it and resell it every day by keeping the product fresh in the consumer’s mind.” One way to promote Heritage’s brand was to inundate Congress with an unending barrage of bite-size “backgrounders”; another was by networking. Heritage hosted weekend retreats for lawmakers, study groups for young congressional staffers and semester-long internships for college students, complete with Heritage housing. In its early years, Heritage took up numerous political battles: It published papers advocating making Social Security voluntary, argued against giving striking workers access to food stamps and warned parents about the danger posed by the advancement of “secular humanism” in public schools. To Feulner, they were all worthy fights, but they were just a prelude to what Heritage’s official history calls “the Big Gamble” — its decision to invest in the presidential candidacy of the 68-year-old Ronald Reagan.

Feulner saw something in Reagan long before he became president. “We had met with him when he was governor in California; we had visited his ranch and seen copies of Milton Friedman and Friedrich Hayek with marginal notes in the book,” Feulner told me. “So we knew that he was one of us.” In the run-up to the 1980 election, Heritage spent \$250,000 to assemble a comprehensive guidebook for conservative rule that it called “Mandate for Leadership” and aggressively marketed it to members of Reagan’s transition team, in particular Edwin Meese, who was Reagan’s chief of staff in California and later became his attorney general in Washington. The big gamble paid off: Meese told me that Reagan asked that the 1,093-page document be distributed at his first cabinet meeting. Reagan also turned to Heritage and Feulner to help staff and organize his administration. An enduring, mutually beneficial friendship was born. Meese wrote a letter on White House stationery stating that members of Heritage’s President’s Club — at the time, donors of \$1,000 or more would “provide a vital communications link between policymakers and those key people who made possible Reagan’s



victory,” as Sidney Blumenthal reported in his 1986 book “The Rise of the Counter-Establishment.” The relationship worked both ways. When Reagan’s second term ended, Meese joined Heritage as its first Ronald Reagan Fellow in Public Policy, with an annual salary of more than \$400,000. Now 86, he remains at the think tank as distinguished fellow emeritus of the Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies.

The Heritage Foundation headquarters in Washington. Jonno Rauman for The New York Times

Reagan’s image is everywhere at Heritage, the informal poses and settings — on a horse, on a putting green, relaxing at his ranch — suggesting less a political actor than a beloved family member. But Heritage had its complaints about Reagan at the time. On the first anniversary of his presidency, the think tank issued a report characterizing his tenure as a disappointment to conservatives. Heritage laid much of the blame on personnel who were insufficiently committed to the president’s agenda. “They were looking for competent people,” Nofziger, who had gone on to become a key political strategist for Reagan, later recalled. “I tried to explain to them that the first thing you do is get loyal people, and competence is a bonus.”

Over the following decades, Feulner continued to pursue his dream of turning the counterestablishment into the establishment. The prospects had perhaps never looked bleaker than they did in 2012, when Obama was easily elected to his second term. Having just turned 70, Feulner decided that it was time to retire. At that moment in conservative history, it was not difficult for him to see where the future of the think tank lay: the Tea Party. Heritage had helped organize and underwrite the anti-tax, anti-government — and, most of all, anti-Obama — movement, even creating a lobbying organization, Heritage Action, to help harness the energy it unleashed.

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A couple of years earlier, in 2010, Feulner heard a talk given by one of the movement’s leading figures, Senator Jim DeMint of South Carolina, at a meeting of a conservative dinner group in Georgetown. “When it was over, Richard Viguerie said to Jim: ‘That was such a fantastic speech. Why don’t you run for president?’ ” Feulner told me, recounting the events of the evening. “DeMint locked eyes with me and said, ‘The only thing I’ve ever wanted to be president of is the Heritage Foundation.’ ”

Feulner decided DeMint was someone to watch, and the next year, the senator earned the highest possible rating on Heritage Action’s new congressional scorecard, which evaluated lawmakers’ voting records on the think tank’s principles — higher than Michele Bachmann and much higher than Paul Ryan or Mitch McConnell. (“With each vote cast in Congress, freedom either advances or recedes,” Needham said when Heritage Action unveiled the new rating system.) DeMint had fought the federal bailouts of the banks and carmakers, supported school prayer and opposed abortion and Obamacare. No less important, DeMint, who had an M.B.A. from Clemson University, shared the Heritage belief that politics was as much about sales and recruiting as it was about legislating or governing. Before running for office at the age of 47, he had operated his own marketing company; as a senator, he created a political-action committee, the Senate Conservatives Fund, to raise cash for select conservative candidates. He was clearly a skilled fund-raiser, which was a big part of the Heritage job. He would have to be willing to give up his Senate seat to run a think tank, which was maybe not as far-fetched as it sounded. In addition to influence, Heritage offered something the government couldn’t: money. Without even having to taint his reputation by becoming a lobbyist, he would get a roughly 400 percent raise from his government salary, to nearly \$900,000 in his first full year.

DeMint started at Heritage in 2013. He created a new layer of senior staff that included allies from Capitol Hill, in the process effectively demoting many of Heritage’s veteran leaders. He also went on a hiring spree of young conservatives for the think tank’s media and internet operations. “Conservative ideas are invigorating,” DeMint told The New York Times in 2014. “We had allowed them to become too serious.” (DeMint declined to be interviewed for this article.)

While Feulner and his senior staff had reserved the right to review policy papers, they generally avoided intervening in the research and publication process. DeMint and his leadership team were much more aggressive. Papers were heavily edited or even withheld from release altogether. Several scholars quit. DeMint replaced them, bringing in as Heritage’s



chief economist Stephen Moore, a Wall Street Journal editorial writer and a founder of the Club for Growth, a lobbying group that advocates cutting taxes.

DeMint intensified the think tank's marketing efforts, targeting Obamacare in particular. A Heritage billboard went up in Times Square — "Warning," it read, "Obamacare may be hazardous to your health" — and DeMint led a "Defund Obamacare Tour" across the country. In Congress, he had been something of a one-man ideological enforcer. Now he had at his disposal the power of an \$80 million institution whose name was a one-word shorthand for movement conservatism; the backing of some of the country's richest, most politically engaged Republicans; and a significant slice of the conservative base. Within months of his arrival, he was pressing House Republicans to send the president a spending bill that wouldn't fund the Affordable Care Act, thus inviting a government shutdown. "There's no question in my mind that I have more influence now on public policy than I did as an individual senator," he said in an interview with National Public Radio in 2013.

But his most audacious bid for influence came the following year, when he inaugurated the Project to Restore America. "What we learned from talking to Heritage folks who had been in the Reagan administration was that we needed to be in the game early," Ed Corrigan, one of DeMint's Capitol Hill hires, told me. With its focus on staffing, the new effort was the logical extension of his fixation on recruiting the right conservatives for Congress, not to mention the concept at the very heart of Feulner's vision for Heritage. To lead the project, DeMint turned to a woman who had spent decades building Heritage's network and knew just how to staff a government: Becky Norton Dunlop, a former deputy personnel director for Reagan. "I know this is going to be hard to believe, but he said — and I agreed — that it was highly likely that a conservative would be elected president," Dunlop told me, recalling her first conversation about the effort with DeMint. "We needed to be prepared."

Becky Norton Dunlop/John Rattman for The New York Times

Dunlop's name may be unfamiliar to most Americans, but she is something of a legend among movement conservatives. She came to Washington in 1973 straight from college to work for the American Conservative Union, the lobbying group best known for organizing the annual Conservative Political Action Conference, and later married an aide to Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, who gave her away at their wedding. (Her father, a Baptist minister, officiated.) Congress eventually pushed her out of the Interior Department for trying to demote or fire several National Park Service employees and replace them with political appointees. Years later, after a controversial stint as Virginia's secretary of natural resources — "Gunning for the Environment?" was the headline of a 1997 Washington Post profile in the Style section — she landed at Heritage as its vice president for external relations and has been there ever since.

Dunlop tapped her extensive network, groups like the Family Research Council, Liberty University and the Council for National Policy, an organization that brings together advocates of various conservative causes. "I talked to them all," Dunlop said. "You need to think about this, and you need to spread the word. If you're interested, get your house in order, talk to your spouse and get ready, because we need to save our country."

Not only was Trump an awkward fit for a staunch conservative like DeMint, but the Heritage president had strong ties to two of his primary opponents. His PAC had raised close to \$600,000 for Marco Rubio's 2010 Senate campaign, and he and Rubio were both associated with the C Street house, a group residence on Capitol Hill affiliated with the Fellowship Foundation, the nonprofit organization that sponsors the National Prayer Breakfast. Ted Cruz — to whom DeMint's PAC had given nearly \$1 million for his 2012 Senate run — had been a featured speaker on DeMint's "Defund Obamacare" tour. Trump's campaign promises to punish American companies that export jobs were anathema to Heritage's 45-year history of support for free trade, not to mention the interests of some of its biggest donors. Even as Trump was gaining momentum, some senior staff members continued to resist the idea of embracing him, arguing that it would damage Heritage's reputation, but DeMint decided to get out ahead of the rest of his party and work with Trump's insurgent campaign.

DeMint understood better than most what lit up the conservative base; after all, he had spent years stoking its anger at the



Republican establishment. At a private dinner on Capitol Hill in January 2016, two weeks before the Iowa caucuses, DeMint was the only one of a group of a dozen conservatives, including Yuval Levin of the Ethics and Public Policy Center and Fred Barnes of The Weekly Standard, who predicted that Trump would win the nomination.

Trump's political views were less important than his approach to hiring. With DeMint's guidance, he could bring in trusted conservatives who supported a Heritage agenda that included opening offshore drilling on federal lands; opposing mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food; reducing regulations on for-profit universities; revoking an Obama executive order on green-energy mandates for federal agencies; phasing out federal subsidies for housing; and opposing marriage equality and nondiscrimination protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity. "The watchword of personnel is: Get people who you want on the bus, and then figure out what seat you want to put them in," Dunlop said.

**In March 2016**, the Republican establishment stepped up its effort to stop Trump. More than 100 Republican national-security experts signed an open letter publicly committing to fight his election, calling him a "racketeer" and denouncing his dishonesty and "admiration for foreign dictators." A number of the signatories were fellows of conservative think tanks; none were affiliated with Heritage at the time. Heritage treated Trump as it would any other candidate, giving his campaign staff more than a dozen briefings and sending them off with decks of cards bearing Heritage policy proposals and market-tested "power phrases." At the same time, Heritage's leaders were lobbying furiously behind the scenes to secure senior appointments to Trump's post-nomination transition team. "It was the top priority for *everyone* at Heritage," Dunlop told me.

Later that month, Trump's campaign lawyer (and future White House counsel) Donald McGahn convened a gathering of conservative leaders at the Capitol Hill offices of his law firm, Jones Day. Only a small group attended: Newt Gingrich, Senator Jeff Sessions, a handful of other sitting lawmakers who were supportive of Trump — and DeMint. "At that time," Gingrich told me, "Trump's views were so unknown to the average conservative the concern was, is he going to be reliable?" As the conversation evolved, an idea emerged: What if Trump could present to the public a list of Supreme Court nominees? DeMint enthusiastically volunteered to help provide one. When he returned to Heritage's offices, though, some senior staffers balked. One concern they raised was that it would be counterproductive for Heritage to explicitly endorse possible judicial appointees: Because the think tank was considered to the right of the Republican mainstream, its approval of candidates could make them toxic in the confirmation process. But DeMint was adamant, insisting that this was an opportunity Heritage should not pass up. The head of Heritage's Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, John Malcolm, ultimately wrote the list in the form of a post for Heritage's news and commentary website, The Daily Signal. By then, Trump had already singled out Heritage at a news conference, announcing that it was one of the groups he was working with on a Supreme Court list.

Feulner, still active at Heritage as a member of its board, was the first from the think tank to join the Trump transition after the Republican National Convention. "August 2016, Christie calls, and then candidate Trump calls to confirm: Would I take over the domestic side?" Feulner told me. As he saw it, Trump held even more promise for Heritage than Reagan had. "No.1, he did clearly want to make very significant changes, and No.2, his views on so many things were not particularly well formed," Feulner said. "And so if he somehow pulled the election off, we thought, wow, we could really make a difference."

Yet even as he was drilling further into the Trump team, DeMint was running into trouble inside his own building. Over the summer, complaints about his heavy-handed management style started to reach some members of Heritage's 22-person board. DeMint and his loyalists rejected the criticisms of his leadership, suggesting that they were the work of Mike Needham, the 36-year-old chief executive of Heritage Action. Needham came from a different world than DeMint. He grew up on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and joined the think tank straight out of Williams College, beginning as Feulner's research assistant and rising to become his chief of staff. He left in 2007 to work on the presidential campaign of Rudolph W. Giuliani and then went on to attend Stanford Business School but returned after he graduated. As DeMint and his allies saw it, Needham was trying to orchestrate a palace coup, turning a handful of isolated complaints about his hiring practices and handling of Heritage's research into a major case against DeMint as part of his own campaign to take control of the think tank. They knew, too, that Needham and Feulner were close and were convinced that Needham was



trying to undermine DeMint with Heritage's founder.

By early November, the tension between DeMint and Needham had escalated, and the senior staff was divided by their respective loyalties. It was just the sort of factionalism that would soon come to define the nascent Trump administration, with its personnel conflicts and firings. As the election approached, it seemed to some at Heritage that DeMint's future was uncertain. The Republican Party appeared to be headed for defeat and years of soul-searching, which might present a natural occasion for new leadership at the think tank.

**On election night**, Heritage turned its first floor over to a viewing party with an open bar, chicken wings and red, white and blue cupcakes. The mood grew increasingly celebratory as the evening wore on and Trump's tally of electoral votes built toward 270. Some staff members stayed until dawn, went out for breakfast and came back for an all-staff meeting called by DeMint in the larger of Heritage's two auditoriums. "As you know, I'm kind of a serious guy, so it's rare that I feel giddy," he began. DeMint said that Heritage had taken a huge risk — "we were criticized by a lot of our friends in the movement for even going to meetings with Trump" — but that it had paid off. "Most of you are too young to remember the old 'Mission: Impossible' series on television, but after they had accomplished their impossible mission, they were all sitting around lighting cigarettes, and the commander would always say, 'I love it when a plan comes together!'" (He was most likely recalling another television program, "The A-Team.")

Corrigan had been in close contact with the Trump campaign for months. Now he told the assembled crowd of about 200 people what Heritage had been doing for the campaign and previewed the opportunities ahead. There were thousands of jobs to fill, and the priority was to fill them with "change agents," he said. "When it comes to personnel decisions, that is the most frequently asked question, even before 'Are they qualified?' 'Are they a change agent?'" In the coming days, employees were encouraged to join the transition and were assured that as long as they were working as volunteers, Heritage could continue to pay their salaries and hold their jobs for them.

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The Trump transition offices quickly filled with Heritage staff members recruiting and vetting hires for the administration. The upheaval inside the transition caused by Christie's firing worked to DeMint's advantage: Pence was an old friend and conservative ally on Capitol Hill. Christie's departure also opened the way for Rick Dearborn to take control of the daily decision-making. Dearborn, the longtime chief of staff to Jeff Sessions, had already been a strong presence on the transition team. He went back years with Corrigan, who was the director of the Senate's conservative caucus for nearly a decade before joining Heritage with DeMint. Corrigan had been informally feeding Dearborn names for months.

Matthew Buckham, a project administrator in Heritage's communications department who joined the transition to vet ambassadors and diplomats, told me that he and the rest of Heritage's staff on the transition tried to put forward every Heritage employee who wanted to work for the administration, whether in policy, administration or management jobs. "Any list we touched we made sure had as many Heritage people as possible," he said. One of Heritage's labor economists, James Sherk, an advocate of rolling back labor rights, joined the White House domestic-policy council; another, David Kreutzer, who was a co-author of a Heritage policy paper arguing that "no consensus exists that man-made emissions are the primary driver of global warming," joined the Environmental Protection Agency. Roger Severino, the director of Heritage's DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society, who has opposed extending civil rights protections to gay, lesbian and transgender people, joined the Department of Health and Human Services to run its Office for Civil Rights. Sean Doocey, a former Heritage employee who had worked at the think tank's Training and Recruitment Center, joined the Presidential Personnel Office — the little-known agency responsible for recruiting and vetting appointees for the executive branch — as its deputy director.

Heritage helped place countless others, from staff assistants to cabinet secretaries. In some cases, DeMint intervened directly, calling Pence to argue for Mick Mulvaney, a former congressman whose political career DeMint helped start years earlier in South Carolina. Mulvaney is now the director of the Office of Management and Budget, and as this article went to press, he was serving out the remaining time in a stint as the acting director of the Consumer Financial Protection



Bureau, a consumer-protection watchdog agency that he had voted to disband in Congress. (He recently fired all 25 members of the agency's advisory board.) "Not only were we not going to bash the president," Buckham told me. "We were going to help him *and* push our friends into positions of policy and influence."

In the spring of 2017, just a few months into his tenure, President Trump expressed his gratitude to both DeMint and Heritage in a speech at the National Rifle Association: "Those people have been fantastic; they've been real friends." And yet even in this moment of triumph, DeMint was losing the battle to keep his job. Emboldened by Trump's victory, he asked for a new contract on the eve of the inauguration. (He earned \$1.2 million the previous year.) Heritage's three-person leadership team — Barb Van Andel-Gaby, a member of one of the families that founded the multilevel-marketing company Amway; Thomas A. Saunders III, a private-equity executive; and Nersi Nazari, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur — were noncommittal. Soon after, they came to Washington for a few days to perform their own internal investigation of the personnel problems, interviewing various staff members about DeMint's leadership.

By the time the foundation's largest donors — \$10,000 or more a year — gathered in April 2017 for their annual retreat at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar in San Diego, Heritage's senior management, like that of the administration it was staffing, was consumed by chaos, confusion, resentments and infighting. DeMint, by now, was blaming Feulner as well as Needham; he was certain that Feulner still effectively controlled the board and was turning it against him. Shortly after DeMint and his management team returned to Washington, he was stripped of his power while his severance package was negotiated. Many of the people he had brought in, including Corrigan, Wallner, Denton and Buckham, soon left, too. Rumors swirled that Stephen Bannon would be taking over. He was still at the White House at the time, but he was close to Mercer, and it was no secret that Trump was turning on his power-hungry, attention-seeking chief strategist.

Amid the upheaval, Saunders, the board's chairman, issued a statement on the ouster. "Heritage is bigger than any one person," it read. In his first address to the staff, the think tank's new interim president, Ed Feulner, assured them that Heritage would continue to be "Donald Trump's favorite think tank."

Heritage's longer-term future was placed in the hands of an 11-person presidential search committee, made up of trustees. They spent months looking for a candidate who could provide continuity, building on the relationship with Trump that DeMint had established, but also signal a departure from the DeMint era. By last fall, they had assembled a short list that was leaked to The Washington Post. It included Marc Short, the White House legislative director and longtime aide to Mike Pence; Todd Ricketts, the Chicago Cubs co-owner and major Republican donor who had recently been nominated as deputy commerce secretary; and David Trulio, then the vice president for international government affairs at the defense contractor Lockheed Martin. None of them got the job. Just as Dick Cheney had once led George W. Bush's search for a vice president before securing the position for himself, the presidency of Heritage went to the chairwoman of the search committee, Kay Coles James.

James, who is 69, is an almost total anomaly in the political world: a black female Republican who supports Donald Trump. In her first address to the Heritage staff, she spoke about her difficult childhood in Richmond, Va., with an absentee father and a mother on welfare. The hiring of a black woman as its president seemed like a coup for an institution that has been widely accused of representing only the interests of white men. "She did not get the job because of her gender or race," Feulner told me. "She got it because she's such an extraordinary individual. My only regret is that she's not 10 years younger."

Kay Coles James/John Rauman for The New York Times

In many respects, James does have the perfect résumé for Heritage. She served under Reagan and George Bush and was the director of the office of personnel management for George W. Bush. Along the way, she worked for several conservative organizations, including Pat Robertson's Regent University, and served on the board of Focus on the Family, the evangelical group known for its opposition to abortion, premarital sex and gay and transgender rights. In 2005, she did a brief stint with a defense contracting firm whose founder, Mitchell Wade, pleaded guilty a year later to bribing a congressman with more than \$1 million in return for favors and earmarks. Jones went on to start her own



nonprofit, the Gloucester Institute, which describes itself as a leadership training center; it offers mentoring and networking programs to black and Latino undergraduate and graduate students. According to Gloucester's 990 tax form, she earned \$50,000 as president of the organization in 2016, the year before she became president of Heritage.

James worked on the Trump transition, overseeing the White House's budget and personnel management offices. In March, on a Politico podcast, she said that she had been eager to join the administration to work on the president's "urban agenda." She was blocked by Omarosa Manigault Newman, the former "Apprentice" villain and director of communications for the White House Office of the Public Liaison, who during the campaign was charged with African-American outreach. "The way it was described to me is she approached the whole thing like it was 'The Apprentice,'" James said on the podcast. "So she looked around Washington and said, 'O.K., who do I need to get rid of first?'" (Newman herself was pushed out last year.)

I met James, who has short, graying hair and favors colorful blazers, in May in her new Heritage office, which is enormous and looks out at the Capitol. After we settled onto a large, comfortable couch, she described her new job at Heritage as "the crown jewel" of her career in the conservative movement. I asked James how she thought Trump was doing. "People are focused up here on the trouble and all of the noise that you hear in Washington," she said, gesturing at eye level. "But down here, the bass notes are strong and loud. There's a lot of good that is going on, but we are in such a partisan, vitriolic atmosphere in this town right now that very often we overlook the bass notes."

In recent months, James has applauded Trump's tax cuts and deregulatory agenda; his crackdown on illegal immigration; his choice of the hard-liner John Bolton as national security adviser; his effort to rescind funding for a variety of federal programs, including the Children's Health Insurance Program; and an executive order that will curtail the amount of time that federal union representatives can spend helping colleagues file claims for workplace grievances, including sexual harassment. Part of her task at Heritage, James told me, will be to expose a more diverse audience to the think tank's ideology. "If you talk to anyone about shaping the future of this nation, they will tell you that there are certain demographics that must be touched — millennials, women and minorities," she said. "And so I tell people that unless our ideas are reaching those demographics, then we are going to be looking at a shrinking minority view in this country."

A few weeks later, on a rainy morning in Washington, Heritage held a party for the dedication of a new dormitory for its interns, a gift from the family of E.W. Richardson, a World War II bomber pilot who went on to become a successful Ford dealer. Donors ate finger food and drank mimosas under a tent on Heritage's rooftop. Some wore name tags on their lapels and dresses identifying them by their level of giving; those who had added Heritage to their wills wore an extra ribbon: "Legacy Society." James was the only person of color I saw in a crowd that easily exceeded 200 people.

Forty-five years after its founding, Heritage may finally be the establishment, but its self-image remains fixed in time. It is, as ever, the nation's last line of defense against the advancing forces of progressivism, perpetually in need of financial reinforcements. Speaking to the gathered group of donors and Heritage staff members, James, standing beside an American flag and a large portrait of Richardson in his flight gear, described the new intern dorm as an expansion of the think tank's "base of operations" against what she characterized as a "very determined and very well-resourced foe. They want to change America into something she was never intended to be. And they might succeed if we don't fight every single day of our lives."

**On the first anniversary** of Trump's inauguration, Heritage marked the occasion with news releases and a booklet, "Blueprint for Impact," promoting how much of Heritage's agenda Trump had already embraced — 64 percent, according to the think tank's analysis. Heritage's director of congressional and executive branch relations, Thomas Binion, went on "Fox & Friends" to discuss the report, saying the think tank was "blown away" by Trump's performance. The president, apparently watching in the White House, promptly tweeted, inaccurately: "The Heritage Foundation has just stated that 64% of the Trump Agenda is already done, faster than even Ronald Reagan."

The president and his favorite think tank continue to draw closer. Administration officials speak regularly at Heritage and give frequent interviews to The Daily Signal. In April, Pruitt and Attorney General Jeff Sessions were both scheduled to



speak at a Heritage donor conference in Palm Beach, Fla. (Sessions, under fire from the president because of the Russia investigation, dropped out.)

Even with DeMint gone, Feulner is enjoying unique access to the Trump administration. During one of our conversations, he told me he had recently accompanied the vice president on Air Force Two to Hillsdale College, a Christian stronghold of conservative thought in Michigan. And last year, he was the lone think-tank head invited to a White House dinner for the conservative movement's "grass-roots leaders." He was seated right beside the president. Feulner's dream had finally been fulfilled. I asked him if he believed the Trump presidency would be transformative for the country. "I think we're very, very optimistic," he said.

There is still a huge number of vacancies across the administration. At this point in their presidencies, Obama had filled 584 of his politically appointed, Senate-confirmed positions, and George W. Bush had filled 652; Trump has filled just 450. The Presidential Personnel Office was portrayed in a recent Washington Post article as a frat house, with widespread workplace vaping and happy-hour drinking games involving Smirnoff Ice.

The turnover rates have also been historic. In March, The New York Times reported that nine of the top 21 White House and cabinet positions have been emptied and refilled at least once; neither Obama nor Bush had lost a single cabinet member by that point in their administrations. Since taking office, Trump has replaced more than half of his 65 most influential advisers, according to a tracker created by the Brookings Institution. Christie recently laid the blame for the turnover on what he described as a "brutally unprofessional" transition, saying that proper vetting would have caught a lot of Trump's most problematic appointees. A number of other senior advisers seem to be on shaky ground with the president, and an exodus is anticipated after the November midterm elections.

Churn is a central feature of this administration, even for its unofficial staffing agency. Paul Winfree, a Heritage economist who helped draft Trump's first budget, is back at the think tank. So are Stephen Moore, who worked on the Trump tax cuts; David Kreutzer, who played a key role in dissolving a White House working group that was studying the monetary costs associated with climate-warming carbon dioxide; and Hans von Spakovsky, who helped run the now-defunct voter-fraud commission, which was created to find evidence to support Trump's baseless claim that millions of people voted illegally for Hillary Clinton.

In a sense, the transition is still going, and as long as Trump remains in office it may never end. "I get calls from people every day who still want to go in," Dunlop told me. "Or I'll hear from the White House, or I'll run into someone at a reception or over coffee, and I'll say, 'I've got a name for you. I'll send it along.' "

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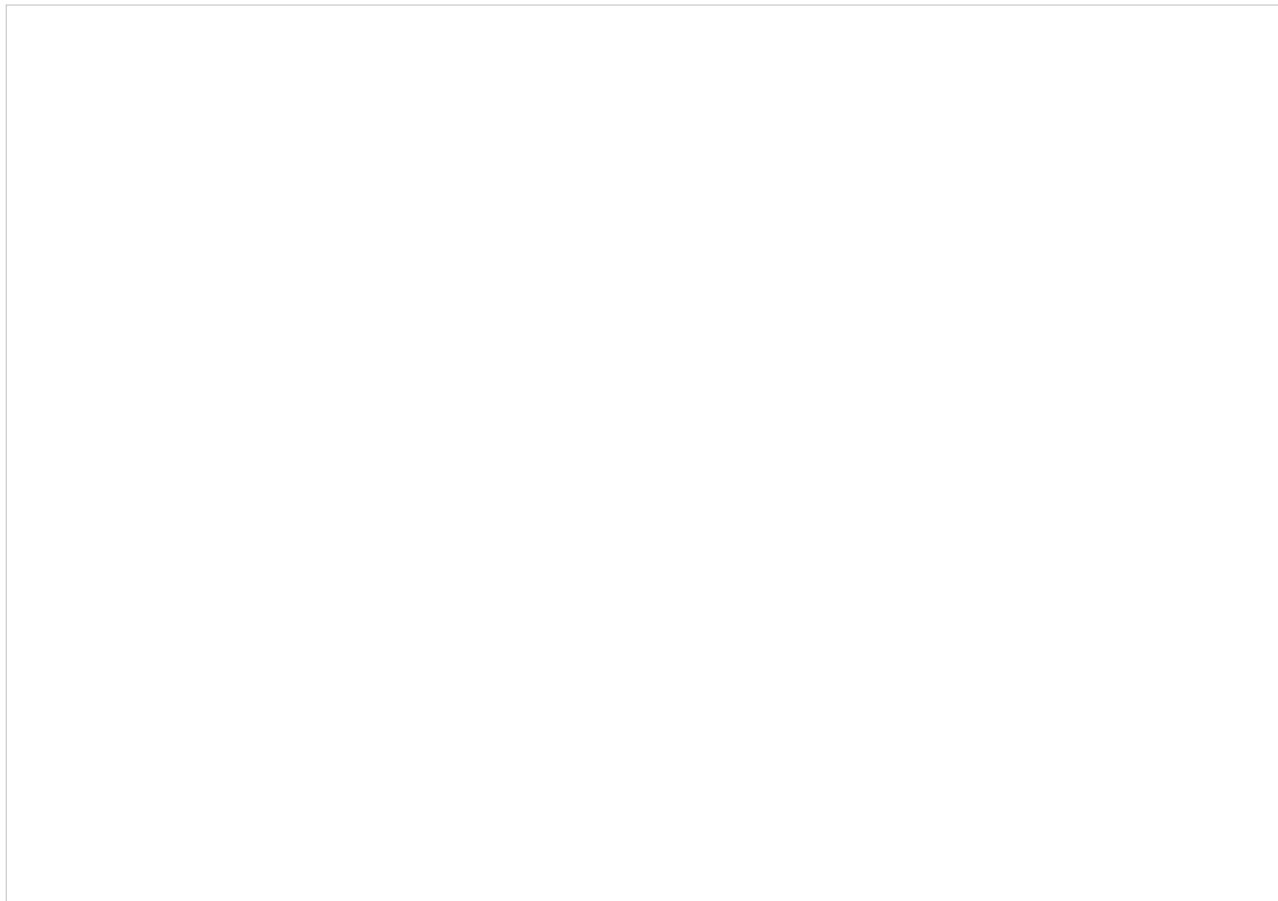


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## Election Academy: Maine SoS Matt Dunlap Wins Court Case Seeking PACEI Records

### Maine SoS Matt Dunlap Wins Court Case Seeking PACEI Records

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Maine Secretary of State Matt Dunlap won the latest round in his fight with the former Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity after a federal judge ordered the Commission to disclose materials related to its work. Politico [has more](#):

*A federal judge has turned down the Trump administration's bid to lift an order requiring officials to disclose internal records of a now-defunct commission set up to pursue President Donald Trump's own unsubstantiated allegations of widespread voter fraud.*

*U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly ruled last December that a member of the panel, Maine Secretary of State Matt Dunlap, was improperly denied access to materials prepared and submitted by his fellow commissioners.*

*Justice Department attorneys asked Kollar-Kotelly to reconsider her decision requiring greater disclosure to Dunlap, but in a 57-page ruling Wednesday she declined to disturb her original decision.*

*"Plaintiff ultimately should receive relevant documents that any of the former commissioners generated or received. This includes material that commissioners solicited and subsequently received from third parties," wrote the judge, a Clinton appointee.*

*Kollar-Kotelly set a July 18 deadline for the records to be handed over to Dunlap. The administration could appeal, but will need emergency relief from the D.C. Circuit since Kollar-Kotelly declined to stay her ruling.*

*A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment on the judge's decision. A White House spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.*

*Trump issued a controversial executive order last May, creating the commission, formally known as the Presidential Advisory Committee of Election Integrity, and headed by Vice President Mike Pence and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. The group was slow to launch and beset by internal strife and lawsuits from critics. It held only two official, in-person meetings before Trump shut it down in January.*

Dunlap argues that he was unable to participate in the work of PACEI because he was not given full access to materials used in its deliberations:

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*Dunlap, a Democrat, filed suit last year under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Citing a 1999 federal appeals court ruling involving a blue-ribbon aviation-safety commission, he said he was being denied access to materials necessary to participate fully in the panel's deliberations.*

*A White House statement that the election-fraud panel's "initial findings" would be sent to the Department of Homeland Security for further action caused considerable confusion. Kollar-Kotelly said Dunlap has the right to see anything that could plausibly fall into that category.*

*"Plaintiff is entitled to see for himself whether any documents that were generated can be considered 'findings' by Commission staff or between certain of the commissioners and staff that, in lieu of a formal set of 'findings' or formal final report, will be recorded for posterity in the Archives as the fruits of the Commission," Kollar-Kotelly wrote Wednesday.*

The court didn't hand Dunlap a complete victory, refusing (at least for now) his request to subpoena fellow SoS and PACEI Co-chair Kris Kobach of Kansas:

*The judge did not grant Dunlap some additional relief he was seeking, including the right to use a subpoena to force Kobach, the panel's vice chair, to retain all relevant documents he has in his possession. Kobach earlier agreed not to distribute any commission-related records publicly, at least for a time.*

*Kollar-Kotelly concluded Dunlap should not be permitted to subpoena Kobach right now, but the judge also took notice of a series of opinions from a federal judge and magistrate in Kansas, faulting him for defying court orders.*

*"The Court is aware that Mr. Kobach's reputation for candor to the tribunal and compliance with its orders is less than sterling," Kollar-Kotelly observed, before turning down the requested subpoena.*

*A spokeswoman for Kobach, who currently running for Kansas governor, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the ruling.*

Kudos to SoS Dunlap and his attorneys for persisting on this case. I'll be curious to see what comes of this order; either there will be a trove of documents that suggests where PACEI was heading before it was disbanded, or there will be so few materials that claims of "initial findings" by the commission will be revealed to have been vastly overstated. In the meantime, don't be surprised if the Administration and SoS Kobach seek to have the order blocked by an appeals court. Stay tuned ...

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## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Jennifer,

Our **National Convention** is currently underway in Chicago, where more than 1,000 League leaders from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are celebrating the work our passionate volunteers have done these past two years. We are excited to spend these few days together to make organizational decisions and build upon our mission impact around the country. As the month of June comes to a close, we'd like to share a few highlights of that impact this month:

### Families Belong Together

This month, the League engaged in the immigration crisis on several fronts. **LWVUS sent a letter** to lawmakers on Capitol Hill urging them to vote NO on two pieces of very partisan legislation that **do not address the tragic situation or reunite families**. Last week, the House **failed to pass** one of the bad bills and pulled the other for consideration. Thank you to our Lobby Corps for pressuring lawmakers to vote NO and for all of our online engagers who took action. This issue is far from resolved, but these bills are bad immigration policy and do not reunite families.

While President Trump **signed an Executive Order** to end family separation, the order falls short on details and will not resolve the crisis. Today, League members attending Convention in Chicago and Leagues around the country participated in the Families Belong Together marches. We encourage you to **reach out to Congress and tell them to pass the Dream Act now**.

### Kansas Defeats Proof of Citizenship Law

Last week, a federal judge **struck down a Kansas law requiring documentary proof** of U.S. citizenship to vote. The law required individuals who registered to vote to submit further documentary proof of US citizenship, such as a passport, birth certificate, or naturalization papers. No other state in the country has such aggressive proof of citizenship requirements, and opponents of the law argued that it placed an unnecessary barrier between individuals and the voting booth. Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach contended that such provisions are necessary to stop voter fraud and prevent non-citizens from registering or participating.

Thank you to our Kansas League, who was a plaintiff in this case and has fought tirelessly for years against this law. While Kansas voting officials and Secretary of State Kris Kobach have tried to fight the federal ruling, Kansans are no longer required to submit proof of citizenship when registering to vote.

### Continuing the Fight for Fair Maps

Earlier this month **the Supreme Court ruled** that the plaintiffs in **Gill v. Whitford** failed to demonstrate standing and sent the case back to the district court to give the plaintiffs a chance to demonstrate that they have suffered "concrete and particularized injuries". In **Benisek v. Lamone**, the court also sent the case back to the lower courts without ruling on the merits.

Both decisions mean that voters in Maryland and Wisconsin will once again be forced to participate in an election under an unconstitutional map. However, Leagues continue to gain momentum on redistricting, including in **Pennsylvania where the League is working for a plan 'free from partisan hijacking'** and in **North Carolina where we could see the next big legal battle on gerrymandering**.

Check out **A Conversation on Redistricting** with Ruth Greenwood and Nick Stephanopoulos, originally broadcast live at our National Convention on June 28. Greenwood served on the legal team for the plaintiffs in **Gill v. Whitford** and Stephanopoulos created the Efficiency Gap Theory, which is the standard the court considered in the **Gill v. Whitford** case. Both are co-council for the League of Women Voters of North Carolina in the partisan gerrymandering case, **LWV v. Rucho**.

### Massachusetts House Passes Automatic Voter Registration

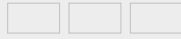
Last week, the Massachusetts House of Representatives **overwhelmingly voted to pass Automatic Voter Registration**, a law that would require individuals to "opt out" of registering rather than "opt in." If passed, Automatic Voter Registration could add 500,000 additional voters to the rolls.

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has advocated for this legislation tirelessly and are optimistic as Automatic Voter Registration moves to the Senate. If passed, Massachusetts would be the 14th state to expand voter registration to every eligible citizen.



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**FIRST CLASS FIRST LADY - "Barbara Bush, matriarch of Bush dynasty, dies at 92," by POLITICO's David Cohen:**

Bush joined Abigail Adams (wife of John Adams, mother of John Quincy Adams) in her distinctive feat, though she also achieved her own stature in public life, especially as an advocate for literacy. She was also widely admired for her devotion to family and her sharp-tongued and full-throated defense of one of America's most prominent political families (dogs included). [Read more](#)

**It's Wednesday morning,** Florida Playbookers. And it's debate day for the four leading Democrats in the race for governor. As the two trailing lagging candidates, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum and Orlando businessman Chris King want more debates. Frontrunner Gwen Graham, a former congresswoman, wants fewer. And Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, who has spent millions to come in a close second, is somewhere in between. The debate is to be [webcast](#) live at 3 p.m. live from the WTVT-TV Fox 13 studios in Tampa and then broadcast at 6:30 p.m.

**OLD MAN NELSON** - The 2018 Senate race is shaping up to be nasty, brutish, and anything but short. American Crossroads, the knife-fighting Republican super PAC, is set to give Bill Nelson a kiss on the cheek Wednesday to commemorate his political anniversary. The committee will roll out a series of Facebook and twitter [ads](#) reminding people Nelson was first elected in 1972. It fits into Republican Gov. Rick Scott's early theme of hitting "career politicians." On one note, though, the pro-Scott forces should be careful. The super PAC ads say that as Nelson was becoming a politician, Scott was "[defending our country](#)," a reminder that Scott is a Navy vet. But as the Palm Beach Post recently [reminded readers](#), during Scott's 29 months in the Navy, he was hardly in harm's way.

**HE WHO SHALL BE NAMED** - In a less organized fashion, Democrats have seized on Scott's new ad of him standing in front of a white dry-erase board and gotten down to mocking him for his greatest controversies or his [resemblance](#) to Lord Voldemort from "Harry Potter."

- **@AlecPolansky:** "This year it's important to help Bill Nelson find all the horcruxes and finally defeat Rick Scott #urawizardBill" <https://bit.ly/2qH6Hu3>

**LONGSHOT - "Democrats beef up elections complaint against Rick Scott," by the Tampa Bay Times' Adam C. Smith:** [Read more](#)

**COMBEE VS. SPANO VS. ??? - "GOP candidates' list grows to fill U.S. House seat being vacated by Ross," by POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon:** Earlier this week, state Rep. Ross Spano (R-Dover) announced he was getting out of the Attorney General race to run for the 15th Congressional District, which covers Polk and Hillsborough counties. Today, former state Rep. Neil Combee announced he was joining the race. [Read more](#)

**MIKE NEEDHAM TO RUBIO -- "Marco Rubio, Darling of G.O.P. Establishment, Hires a Thorn in Its Side," by NYT's Jeremy W. Peters:** "As chief executive of the influential conservative think tank Heritage Action for America, Michael Needham waged years of unforgiving political warfare against the Republican Party establishment, deepening the divide between party leaders and grass-roots activists that helped elevate Donald J. Trump to the presidency.

**"Now Mr. Needham is leaving his job there to become chief of staff** for one of the Republican establishment's favorite sons, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida. The move is certain to raise questions about whether Mr. Rubio, whose hopes of becoming president in 2016 were dashed by Mr. Trump, may be positioning himself for another run." <https://nyti.ms/2vwnciD>

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**HISTORIAN IN CHIEF - "Trump: 'Many of the world's great leaders request to come to Mar-a-Lago,'" by the Tampa Bay Times' Alex Leary:** "President Donald Trump waxed on today about the virtues of the 'Southern White House,' reminding reporters of its history and stating that, 'Many of the world's great leaders request to come to Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach. They like it, I like it, we're comfortable, we have great relationships. As you remember we were here and president Xi of China was here,' Trump said, standing with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is making his second visit. 'It was originally built as the Southern White House. It was called the Southern White house,' Trump said. 'It was given to the United States. And then Jimmy Carter decided it was too expensive for the United States so they fortunately for me gave it back and I bought it.'" [Read more](#)

**MISTATER IN CHIEF - Daniel Dale @ddale8:** "Trump isn't even accurate in his history of Mar-a-Lago, which he claims was 'originally built as the southern White House.' It was originally built, in 1927, as a cereal heiress socialite's house. She donated it to the U.S. as a possible 'winter White House' 46 years later."



**TRUMPED! - "Presidential snub? Miami-Dade mayor doesn't make the cut to greet Trump at airport," by Miami Herald's Douglas Hanks:** "When President Donald Trump [descended from Air Force One](#) at Miami International Airport on Monday, Miami-Dade's Republican mayor said he wanted to be there. But the White House wouldn't give him an invitation ... The apparent snub may be evidence of a lasting grudge between Trump and Gimenez, who tried to distance himself from his fellow Republican at a time when the 2016 presidential campaign overlapped with the mayor's own reelection bid. During a televised debate with challenger Raquel Regalado in October of that year, Gimenez called on Trump to drop out of the race because of Trump's lewd comments about women captured by an Access Hollywood recording." [Read more](#)

**ROCKS FOR JOCKS - "Ryan Zinke refers to himself as a geologist. That's a job he's never held," by CNN's Sarah Ganim:** "Defending his decision to shrink the Bears Ears national monument to lawmakers last week, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke fell back on one of his favorite credentials ... 'Florida is different in the currents - I'm a geologist - it's different in geology,' in an interview with Breitbart News, defending his decision to exempt Florida from offshore drilling ... Zinke, however, has never held a job as a geologist." [Read more](#)

- "Zinke decides against lowering offshore oil royalty rates," by POLITICO's Ben Lefebvre:[Read more](#)

**A BAD HOMBRE? - "Family pleads for release of immigrant with Down syndrome arrested during recent raid," by Miami Herald's Brenda Medina:** "Juan Gaspar-García was one of 28 [people detained in Fort Pierce](#) on March 28, when federal agents served a search warrant at a tent installation company, a family member said. Gaspar-García, 22, worked at the TentLogix with his brother, whose name was not disclosed. Gaspar-García's brother was released because he is protected under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA), a protection from deportation granted to certain undocumented youth." [Read more](#)

**STILL VULNERABLE - "DHS says post-quake Haiti has made 'significant progress.' But TPS report says otherwise," by Miami Herald's Jacqueline Charles:** "Three weeks before the Trump administration announced that it will end Temporary Protected Status for Haitians because the country no longer met the requirements for the temporary relief, [documents](#) released by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as part of [a lawsuit](#) indicate Haiti remains vulnerable with continuing housing and food shortages." [Read more](#)

... THE GUNSHINE STATE ...

**BRING ON THE LAWSUITS - "Hero student Anthony Borges files first lawsuit in Parkland school shooting," by Sun Sentinel's Rafael Olmeda:** "Anthony Borges, the hero teenager who took five bullets while blocking a doorway during Nikolas Cruz's murderous rampage through Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February, became the first victim in the case to [file a lawsuit](#) Tuesday morning. Alex Arreaza, the Borges family's attorney, filed the suit electronically in Broward Circuit Court. The defendants are Cruz, 19, the estate of Cruz's late mother, Lynda, and James and Kimberly Snead, the Parkland couple who allowed Cruz to stay in their home from late November until Feb. 14, the day of the shooting. Also named in the suit are Henderson Behavioral Health, the Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health and the South County Mental Health Center, three facilities that treated Cruz for various mental health conditions." [Read more](#)

**WHOLE HOGG - "Parkland activist David Hogg calls for boycott of BlackRock and Vanguard," by CNN Money's Julia Horowitz:** "On Tuesday, David Hogg said on Twitter the giant investment management companies are 'two of the biggest investors in gun manufacturers,' and customers should take their business elsewhere. Both companies have [faced pressure](#) from gun control advocates to divest from gun stocks since the shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in February. BlackRock is the top shareholder in gunmakers Sturm Ruger and American Outdoor Brands. It's the second-largest shareholder in Vista Outdoor. Vanguard is the second-largest shareholder in Sturm Ruger, and the third-largest shareholder in American Outdoor Brands and Vista Outdoor." [Read more](#)

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**It's Wednesday morning,** Florida Playbookers. And it's debate day for the four leading Democrats in the race for governor. As the two trailing lagging candidates, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum and Orlando businessman Chris King want more debates. Frontrunner Gwen Graham, a former congresswoman, wants fewer. And Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, who has spent millions to come in a close second, is somewhere in between. The debate is to be [webcast](#) live at 3 p.m. live from the WTVT-TV Fox 13 studios in Tampa and then broadcast at 6:30 p.m.

**OLD MAN NELSON** - The 2018 Senate race is shaping up to be nasty, brutish, and anything but short. American Crossroads, the knife-fighting Republican super PAC, is set to give Bill Nelson a kiss on the cheek Wednesday to commemorate his political anniversary. The committee will roll out a series of Facebook and twitter [ads](#) reminding people Nelson was first elected in 1972. It fits into Republican Gov. Rick Scott's early theme of hitting "career politicians." On one note, though, the pro-Scott forces should be careful. The super PAC ads say that as Nelson was becoming a politician, Scott was "[defending our country](#)," a reminder that Scott is a Navy vet. But as the Palm Beach Post recently [reminded readers](#), during Scott's 29 months in the Navy, he was hardly in harm's way.

**HE WHO SHALL BE NAMED** - In a less organized fashion, Democrats have seized on Scott's new ad of him standing in front of a white dry-erase board and gotten down to mocking him for his greatest controversies or his [resemblance](#) to Lord Voldemort from "Harry Potter."

- **@AlecPolansky:** "This year it's important to help Bill Nelson find all the horcruxes and finally defeat Rick Scott #urawizardBill" <https://bit.ly/2qH6Hu3>

**LONGSHOT - "Democrats beef up elections complaint against Rick Scott," by the Tampa Bay Times' Adam C. Smith:** [Read more](#)

**COMBEE VS. SPANO VS. ??? - "GOP candidates' list grows to fill U.S. House seat being vacated by Ross," by POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon:** Earlier this week, state Rep. Ross Spano (R-Dover) announced he was getting out of the Attorney General race to run for the 15th Congressional District, which covers Polk and Hillsborough counties. Today, former state Rep. Neil Combee announced he was joining the race. [Read more](#)

**MIKE NEEDHAM TO RUBIO -- "Marco Rubio, Darling of G.O.P. Establishment, Hires a Thorn in Its Side," by NYT's Jeremy W. Peters:** "As chief executive of the influential conservative think tank Heritage Action for America, Michael Needham waged years of unforgiving political warfare against the Republican Party establishment, deepening the divide between party leaders and grass-roots activists that helped elevate Donald J. Trump to the presidency.

**"Now Mr. Needham is leaving his job there to become chief of staff** for one of the Republican establishment's favorite sons, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida. The move is certain to raise questions about whether Mr. Rubio, whose hopes of becoming president in 2016 were dashed by Mr. Trump, may be positioning himself for another run." <https://nyti.ms/2vwnciD>

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**HISTORIAN IN CHIEF - "Trump: 'Many of the world's great leaders request to come to Mar-a-Lago,'" by the Tampa Bay Times' Alex Leary:** "President Donald Trump waxed on today about the virtues of the 'Southern White House,' reminding reporters of its history and stating that, 'Many of the world's great leaders request to come to Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach. They like it, I like it, we're comfortable, we have great relationships. As you remember we were here and president Xi of China was here,' Trump said, standing with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is making his second visit. 'It was originally built as the Southern White House. It was called the Southern White house,' Trump said. 'It was given to the United States. And then Jimmy Carter decided it was too expensive for the United States so they fortunately for me gave it back and I bought it.'" [Read more](#)

**MISTATER IN CHIEF - Daniel Dale @ddale8:** "Trump isn't even accurate in his history of Mar-a-Lago, which he claims was 'originally built as the southern White House.' It was originally built, in 1927, as a cereal heiress socialite's house. She donated it to the U.S. as a possible 'winter White House' 46 years later."



**TRUMPED! - "Presidential snub? Miami-Dade mayor doesn't make the cut to greet Trump at airport," by Miami Herald's Douglas Hanks:** "When President Donald Trump [descended from Air Force One](#) at Miami International Airport on Monday, Miami-Dade's Republican mayor said he wanted to be there. But the White House wouldn't give him an invitation ... The apparent snub may be evidence of a lasting grudge between Trump and Gimenez, who tried to distance himself from his fellow Republican at a time when the 2016 presidential campaign overlapped with the mayor's own reelection bid. During a televised debate with challenger Raquel Regalado in October of that year, Gimenez called on Trump to drop out of the race because of Trump's lewd comments about women captured by an Access Hollywood recording." [Read more](#)

**ROCKS FOR JOCKS - "Ryan Zinke refers to himself as a geologist. That's a job he's never held," by CNN's Sarah Ganim:** "Defending his decision to shrink the Bears Ears national monument to lawmakers last week, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke fell back one of his favorite credentials ... 'Florida is different in the currents - I'm a geologist - it's different in geology,' in an interview with Breitbart News, defending his decision to exempt Florida from offshore drilling ... Zinke, however, has never held a job as a geologist." [Read more](#)

- "Zinke decides against lowering offshore oil royalty rates," by POLITICO's Ben Lefebvre:[Read more](#)

**A BAD HOMBRE? - "Family pleads for release of immigrant with Down syndrome arrested during recent raid," by Miami Herald's Brenda Medina:** "Juan Gaspar-García was one of 28 [people detained in Fort Pierce](#) on March 28, when federal agents served a search warrant at a tent installation company, a family member said. Gaspar-García, 22, worked at the TentLogix with his brother, whose name was not disclosed. Gaspar-García's brother was released because he is protected under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA), a protection from deportation granted to certain undocumented youth." [Read more](#)

**STILL VULNERABLE - "DHS says post-quake Haiti has made 'significant progress.' But TPS report says otherwise," by Miami Herald's Jacqueline Charles:** "Three weeks before the Trump administration announced that it will end Temporary Protected Status for Haitians because the country no longer met the requirements for the temporary relief, [documents](#) released by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as part of [alawsuit](#) indicate Haiti remains vulnerable with continuing housing and food shortages." [Read more](#)

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**BRING ON THE LAWSUITS - "Hero student Anthony Borges files first lawsuit in Parkland school shooting," by Sun Sentinel's Rafael Olmeda:** "Anthony Borges, the hero teenager who took five bullets while blocking a doorway during Nikolas Cruz's murderous rampage through Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in February, became the first victim in the case to [file a lawsuit](#) Tuesday morning. Alex Arreaza, the Borges family's attorney, filed the suit electronically in Broward Circuit Court. The defendants are Cruz, 19, the estate of Cruz's late mother, Lynda, and James and Kimberly Snead, the Parkland couple who allowed Cruz to stay in their home from late November until Feb. 14, the day of the shooting. Also named in the suit are Henderson Behavioral Health, the Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health and the South County Mental Health Center, three facilities that treated Cruz for various mental health conditions." [Read more](#)

**WHOLE HOGG - "Parkland activist David Hogg calls for boycott of BlackRock and Vanguard," by CNN Money's Julia Horowitz:** "On Tuesday, David Hogg said on Twitter the giant investment management companies are 'two of the biggest investors in gun manufacturers,' and customers should take their business elsewhere. Both companies have [faced pressure](#) from gun control advocates to divest from gun stocks since the shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in February. BlackRock is the top shareholder in gunmakers Sturm Ruger and American Outdoor Brands. It's the second-largest shareholder in Vista Outdoor. Vanguard is the second-largest shareholder in Sturm Ruger, and the third-largest shareholder in American Outdoor Brands and Vista Outdoor." [Read more](#)

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## PERSONNEL FILE --- PEOPLE ON THE MOVE, APRIL 19, 2018

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STAN CONNALLY has been named executive vice president of operations for Southern Company. Connally is chairman, CEO and president of Gulf Power and will continue to serve in those positions.

MIKE NEEDHAM has been named chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. Needham is chief executive officer of Heritage Action for America.

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## KANYE WEST PROVES THE RULE:

What must it be like to go through life thinking all your favorite celebrities agree with you about just about everything? It has to be an odd experience, knowing that your favorite musicians, actors, and reality stars all agree with you about everything under the sun. It is, of course, the opposite of the experience of your typical right of center American, who has long ago reached the conclusion that anyone famous who isn't an athlete or a member of the WWE is unlikely to agree with you about anything at all. But this Kanye West business exposes something that the left should have realized long ago: that there are exceptions proving the overall rule.

West didn't even endorse Donald Trump. He didn't back his agenda. He didn't tell people to give money. He just said he liked the guy in his particularly Kanye way. And this is what came next, as Justin McClinton writes. <http://vlt.tc/397n> "Kanye West is currently the best representative of the principles that have led to America's prosperity. The foundation of these principles is the Western ideal of privileging the individual over the group. This is the well from which upward mobility springs, and the axiom that best captures this ideal is the freedom of expression.

"In this week's multi-day string of tweets after his return to Twitter, Kanye accurately stated "We have free speech but we don't have free thought." This is the result of the far left's stranglehold over the places serious ideas are supposed to be generated...

"The explosion of alternative media pushed back against the overt leftist takeover of cultural institutions. Fights over immigration, same-sex marriage, and the like served as proxy wars instigated by an increasingly partisan academy and their media allies against right-wing opponents. These all distract from the real war over freedom of thought.

"In this conformist environment, the far-left classified anyone who disagreed with them as far right or the enemy. This provoked voices that represent the middle parts of the horseshoe to defend against being made the scapegoats of the far right. Figures such as Jordan Peterson and other sensible non-radicals are vying to order the chaos created by groupthink and hardened ideologies.

"A free thinker has no other real allegiance except to truth. So it makes perfect sense that Kanye West would choose to ride for the side of free thought. His presence is a monumental tilt in our current marketplace of ideas."

Here's 17 White Liberals Who Decided To Lecture Black Superstars About Racism. <http://vlt.tc/397u> "On Wednesday, Chance The Rapper tweeted: "Black people don't have to be democrats." In response, a lot of woke people on the Internet with blue checkmarks next to their usernames decided to lecture these superstars about racism. Here's 17 of the worst offenses."

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## THE ECONOMY:

'My Generation Is Never Going to Have That'. <http://vlt.tc/397x> "To Lubarsky, a number cruncher-turned-housing activist, Wallingford's architectural jewels, with their grand front porches and exquisite topiary, are emblematic of this city's potentially fatal flaw: a housing market so expensive it's throttling one of America's biggest urban success stories. Decades ago, these tidy homes were cheap enough for schoolteachers and firefighters. Today, most cost at least a million dollars, and what was once a proudly middle-class neighborhood has morphed into a financially gated community. Part of the problem, Lubarsky admits, is people like himself: Seattle's red-hot tech economy, led by companies such as Amazon and Groupon (where Lubarsky works), has filled the city with an army of well-paid workers bidding up the price of housing. But that tech-fueled demand has tended to overshadow the other driver: insufficient supply. Since the end of the financial crisis, Lubarsky says, Seattle has added roughly 100,000 jobs, but barely 32,000 new homes and apartment units."

Facebook beats earnings expectations despite privacy scandal. <http://vlt.tc/396f> "Facebook stock was up nearly 3% in after-hours trading Wednesday after the tech giant beat Wall Street expectations on first quarter earnings, revenue and user growth... Mark Zuckerberg, in an interview leading up to his two Congressional hearings, said that the scandal didn't have any material impact on the company's user base or business, so the results aren't entirely unexpected. Analysts also predicted that Facebook would meet investor expectations." Facebook revenue surges nearly 50%. <http://vlt.tc/396m>

U.S. Jobless Claims Drop to Lowest Level Since 1969. <http://vlt.tc/397y> "The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell to the lowest level since 1969, the latest sign the labor market is firming after years of steady job growth. Initial jobless claims, a measure of layoffs across the U.S., fell 24,000 to a seasonally adjusted 209,000 in the week through April 21, the Labor Department said Thursday. That was the lowest level since Dec. 6, 1969, early in the Nixon administration. Economists surveyed by The Wall Street Journal expected 228,000 claims."

## RONNY JACKSON WITHDRAWS AS VA SELECTION:

Trump Veterans Affairs pick Ronny Jackson denies wrecking a car after new allegations emerge. <http://vlt.tc/396w> But he does withdraw. <http://vlt.tc/397z> "Rear Adm. Ronny Jackson has withdrawn his nomination to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs amid damaging allegations that he created a toxic work environment, drunkenly wrecked a car and maintained poor prescription records while serving in the federal government."

"While I will forever be grateful for the trust and confidence President Trump has placed in me by giving me this opportunity, I am regretfully withdrawing my nomination to be Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs," Jackson said in a statement on Thursday morning.

"He added, "The allegations against me are completely false and fabricated. If they had any merit, I would not have been selected, promoted and entrusted to serve in such a sensitive and important role as physician to three presidents over the past 12 years."

"White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a follow-up statement that Jackson is still on the job as the White House physician. "Admiral Jackson is a doctor in the United States Navy assigned to the White House and is here at work today," she said."

## CHICAGO IMPOUNDS INNOCENT PEOPLE'S CARS:

CJ Ciaramella. <http://vlt.tc/397g> "On this early summer night, Byrd was giving a client, a man he says he had never met before, a ride in his Cadillac DeVille. Police pulled both of them out of the car and searched them. Byrd was clean, but in his passenger's pocket was a bag of heroin the size of a tennis ball."

"The two were hauled off to the precinct house. Police released Byrd after a short stint in an

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interrogation room without charging him with a crime. But when Byrd went to retrieve his car, he found out the Chicago Police Department had seized and impounded it.

"Byrd had run afoul of Chicago's aggressive vehicle impound program, which seizes cars and fines owners thousands of dollars for dozens of different offenses. The program impounds cars when the owner beats a criminal case or isn't charged with a crime in the first place. It impounds cars even when the owner isn't even driving, like when a child is borrowing a parent's car...

"The city says it is simply enforcing nuisance laws and cracking down on scofflaws. But community activists and civil liberties groups say the laws are predatory, burying guilty and innocent owners alike in debt, regardless of their ability to pay or the effect losing a vehicle will have on their lives."

### **JAMES COMEY: I AM NOT A LEAKER:**

(But he is.) <http://vlt.tc/397h> "Comey denied he broke the law in handling the memos, which he gave to Daniel Richman, a Columbia law school professor.

"But ... you did leak memos. Is it okay for somebody at the FBI to leak something, an internal document, even if it's not classified?" Cooper asked Comey.

"There's a whole lot wrong with your question, Anderson," Comey replied. "First, I didn't leak memos. I asked a friend to communicate the substance ... one unclassified memo to the media, and I was a private citizen."

"Comey instructed Richman to provide details of one of his memos to The New York Times. The newspaper subsequently reported Comey's claims about a conversation he had with Trump in the Oval Office on March 14, 2017. Comey said Trump asked him to back off of an investigation into former national security advisor Michael Flynn. Comey has acknowledged he gave Richman the memos after Trump fired him in order to spark the special counsel's investigation.

Cooper pressed Comey on his definition of a leak.

"I think of a leak as an unauthorized disclosure of classified information," Comey said.

"That's it?" Cooper replied.

"You gave up a document that was released to The New York Times," Cooper continued. "[The] FBI gets upset when people make unauthorized disclosure about protected information," the CNN host noted."

### **WHAT IS TRUTH SAYS COLLEGE OFFICIAL:**

It May Not Be the Truth, 'But It Is That Person's Truth'. <http://vlt.tc/397j> "The mask slips yet again. When challenged to defend flyers posted around an Oregon campus that warn of a widespread sexual assault problem, a college official said the following: "Believing survivors means let's sit down and understand each other's experience. Let's believe what that person said, he or she has experienced, that we have experienced. It may not be the truth, as has been determined, but it is that person's truth and what they were going through."

"Clackamas Community College Dean of Human Resources Patricia Wieck reportedly made the comments during an interview with The College Fix's Autumn Berend, who had been seeking more information about sexual violence prevention flyers that had recently appeared on campus. Wieck did not respond to a request for comment."

### **THE NFL'S ANTHEM PROTEST MEETING:**

Someone recorded and linked the confidential NFL meeting to the NYT, where SJW Chris Long  
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was lecturing the owners. <http://vlt.tc/3972> "After discussing a proposal to finance nonprofit groups to address player concerns, they wanted to talk about why Colin Kaepernick, the quarterback who started the anthem protests to highlight social injustice and police brutality against African-Americans, was, they believed, being blackballed by the owners. The owners sounded panicked about their business under attack, and wanted to focus on damage control.

"If he was on a roster right now, all this negativeness and divisiveness could be turned into a positive," Philadelphia Eagles defensive lineman Chris Long said at the meeting.

"Long said he did not wish to "lecture any team" on what quarterbacks to sign, but "we all agree in this room as players that he should be on a roster." The owners' responses were noncommittal. The Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie said that fighting for social justice is not "about one person."

The New England Patriots owner Robert K. Kraft pointed to another "elephant in the room."

"This kneeling," he said.

"The problem we have is, we have a president who will use that as fodder to do his mission that I don't feel is in the best interests of America," said Kraft, who is a longtime supporter of Mr. Trump's. "It's divisive and it's horrible."

"The owners were intent on finding a way to avoid Trump's continued criticism. The president's persistent jabs on Twitter had turned many fans against the league. Lurie, who called Trump's presidency "disastrous," cautioned against players getting drawn into the president's tactics.

"We've got to be careful not to be baited by Trump or whomever else," Lurie said. "We have to find a way to not be divided and not get baited."

"The Buffalo Bills owner Terry Pegula sounded anguished over the uncertainty of when Trump would take another shot at the league. "All Donald needs to do is to start to do this again," Pegula said. "We need some kind of immediate plan because of what's going on in society. All of us now, we need to put a Band-Aid on what's going on in the country."

"The Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shahid Khan countered that the worst was behind them. "All the damage Trump's going to do is done," he said."

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People are sharing bloody selfie pics after this woman wrote the best makeup review of all time after a car accident. <http://vlt.tc/3975>

Quick thread on Saul Bass, who died today in 1996 and was an enormous force on 20th century graphic design. <http://vlt.tc/396g>

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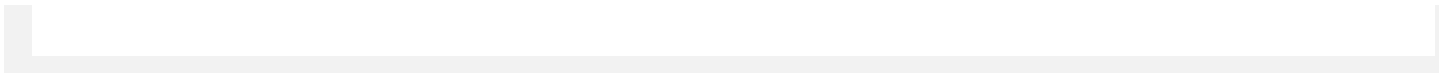
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**Good Tuesday morning.** We have two special state House elections today in Polk and Miami-Dade counties. The former seat, HD-39, is a safe GOP district so, unless the truly unexpected happens, Republican Josie Tomkow will win. In the Miami-area contest between Democrat Javi Fernandez and Republican Andrew Vargas, it's anyone's guess. Normally, we would give you the early ballots cast by party (which we [did yesterday](#), when the GOP had an 8.6 percentage point lead), but we can't download the data from the state elections website. Great job, guys.

- **"Florida's Final 2018 Competitive State House Special Election: HD114," by MCI Maps' Matthew Isbell:**[Read more](#)

**MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT?** - Also today, Gov. Rick Scott's Senate campaign announces he'll join Puerto Rico Congresswoman Jenniffer González-Colón for "a major announcement" at El Cilantrillo Cafe & Restaurant in Kissimmee and La Casona Restaurant Tampa. We'll see if it's truly "major" like New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's "New York Stands with Puerto Rico Recovery and Rebuilding [Initiative](#)" announced yesterday, or just an endorsement from one Republican to another. But this won't be the biggest news in Orlando today ...

... TRUPLANDIA AND THE SWAMP ...

**GRAYSON VS. SOTO - "Alan Grayson to run for Congress," by WFTV's Christopher Heath and Katy Camp:**

"Democrat Alan Grayson wants his former seat back, despite the fact that is currently held by a Democrat, Congressman Darren Soto (FL-09) ... 'I wish I hadn't run for Senate,' said Grayson. 'If I hadn't run for Senate, I'd be in Congress right now fighting Donald Trump tooth and nail right now. I think Donald Trump should be impeached ... 'I don't need anyone's permission to run for office. What I've done is ask the people ... I can run anywhere in the state; I could run from Key West to Pensacola.'" [Read more](#)

**SCOTT VS. ... RPOF? - "Scott hammers Florida GOP's D'Souza invite," by POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon:**Gov. Rick Scott joined some prominent Florida Republicans on Monday in slamming a decision by the state party to invite Dinesh D'Souza, who mocked survivors of a Florida school shooting, to speak at a gathering of its top activists. The Republican Party of Florida announced that D'Souza would be among the featured speakers at its Sunshine Summit, a June event designed to showcase the party's strength and grass-roots support headed into the 2018 midterms. [Read more](#)

**LOYAL? - "Rubio recommends onetime Trump critic for Cuba broadcast job," by POLITICO Florida's Marc Caputo:** Sen. Marco Rubio is backing former Miami mayor and Cuban exile leader Tomas Regalado to lead the troubled federal office that oversees Radio and TV Martí in its attempts to counter Cuba's state-run media on the island. But even with his recommendation from Rubio, Regalado, he has a mark against him in an administration that prizes loyalty: Regalado had been critical of President Donald Trump's immigration rhetoric before and after the campaign. Still, Regalado was supportive of Trump's Cuba policy reversing Obama's rapprochement with the island's totalitarian regime. Rubio and Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart helped shape the policy, and Regalado worked with the White House on the venue for the announcement last June at the Manuel Artime Theater in Miami. Regalado sat in the front row. [Read more](#)

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**WHEN DEMS LOVE MARCO - "Rubio: 'No evidence' workers are greatly benefiting from corporate tax changes," by POLITICO's Brian Faler:** Sen. [Marco Rubio](#) (R-Fla.) is echoing Democrats' complaints that the GOP's recent tax code revamp is doing too little for average Americans. "There is still a lot of thinking on the right that if big corporations are happy, they're going to take the money they're saving and reinvest it in American workers," he [told](#) the Economist. "In fact they bought back shares; a few gave out bonuses; there's no evidence whatsoever that the money's been massively poured back into the American worker." Democrats immediately seized on the remarks. [Read more](#)

- **"Marco Rubio offers his Trump-crazed party a glint of hope," by The Economist:**[Read more](#)

**TRUMP ORG - "Here's how much the Republican Party pays to meet at Trump's resort in Miami," by Miami Herald's Alex Daugherty:** "The Republican Party is coming to South Florida this week, and the GOP is spending its money at a familiar haunt: President Donald Trump's golf resort in Doral. The Republican National Committee [spent \\$234,000](#) on venue rental and catering at Trump National Doral Miami since the beginning of this year, where it will host its spring meeting from May 2 to May 5. Trump's U.S. businesses, which include resorts and hotels across the country that are frequently used for conferences and meetings, have received [at least \\$15.1 million](#) in revenue from political groups and federal agencies since

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2015, according to a report released earlier this month. The RNC spent \$424,000 at Trump-owned properties during the first two months of 2018, according to Federal Election Commission [documents](#). [Read more](#)

**SPOTTED** Trump's 2020 campaign manager and 2016 digital media director, Brad Parscale, hanging out this weekend at Elbo Room on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Parscale earlier this year he rented office space on Broward Boulevard just across the Intracoastal Waterway. [Picture here](#)

**TPS QUESTION - "Hondurans could lose Temporary Protected Status this week under Trump," by Miami Herald's Monique O. Madan:** "As chronic violence and a deep political crisis roil their home country, Hondurans in the United States have something else to worry about - their fate. On Friday, the Department of Homeland Security will decide whether they'll extend the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) of about 57,000 Hondurans. TPS is a federal program that for decades has allowed more than 435,000 immigrants from 10 countries to legally live and work in the United States." [Read more](#)

**GUN FREE ZONE - "Parkland students criticize NRA over banned guns at upcoming Pence event," by POLITICO's Rebecca Morin:** "Parkland survivors criticized the National Rifle Association after it announced guns are being banned from Vice President Mike Pence's upcoming speech at the organization's annual convention later this week. The NRA posted a disclaimer on the NRA-ILA Leadership Forum [event page](#), saying that due to Pence's attendance, Secret Service will be responsible for event security. Therefore, 'firearms and firearm accessories, knives or weapons of any kind will be prohibited in the forum prior to and during his attendance.' President Donald Trump will [also reportedly speak](#) at the convention and firearms will be banned for his portion as well." [Read more](#)

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**MONTHS AFTER DUCKING THE QUESTION - "Adam Putnam champions 2nd Amendment, explains calling himself proud NRA sellout," by Sun Sentinel's Anthony Man:** "Republican governor candidate Adam Putnam straddled Monday some of the knottiest questions that have arisen since the [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre](#). He attempted to avoid angering the people mobilizing for gun control while trying to avoid crossing the politically potent [National Rifle Association](#). He said he'd enforce new state gun restrictions, including an increase in the age to buy rifles and shotguns from 18 to 21, even though he said he didn't support them. And he defended the right of most people to use and enjoy firearms, and said the debate should focus on people who shouldn't have guns and making schools safer from attack." [Read more](#)

**STILL LAGGING - "Lengthy medical marijuana ID card delays continue," by POLITICO Florida's Arek Sarkissian:** Despite an extended deadline, the production of the legally required identification cards for authorized medical marijuana patients remains delayed, leaving the vendor hired to process the credentials sidelined and frustrated as patients wait weeks. Documents obtained by POLITICO show Jacksonville-based Veritec has still failed to receive the necessary information required from the state's Medical Marijuana Use Registry to produce the ID cards. The registry - a database of more than 100,000 authorized medical marijuana users - is maintained by Bradenton-based Five Points Technology Group. [Read more](#)

**SHORTCHANGED - "High court agrees to take major education issue," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The Florida Supreme Court today accepted jurisdiction in a lawsuit alleging the state's leaders are shirking their constitutional duty to provide a "uniform, efficient ... and high-quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high-quality education." A group of public education activists called Citizens for Strong Schools first filed the suit in 2009, and have pointed to troubling achievement gaps that persist between students with more advantages and their disadvantaged peers - specifically racial minorities, children with disabilities and those in poverty - to support their argument. The state, for its part, has defended not only lawmakers' funding levels but also the key policies that govern Florida's public schools, such as standardized testing mandates and the school grading system crafted by former Gov. Jeb Bush. [Read more](#)

**'SEXUALIZED AND HUMILIATED' - "Florida school district's dress code called unconstitutional by ACLU," by POLITICO's Benjamin Wermund:** The American Civil Liberties Union on Monday blasted a Florida school district for removing a female student from class because she was not wearing a bra, arguing the district's dress code is unconstitutional and violates Title IX. It was the latest example of school dress codes seen as unfairly aimed at female students. A [report](#) issued by the National Women's Law Center last week argued that dress codes in D.C. schools often unfairly target black girls. The ACLU alleged [in a letter to school officials](#) in Manatee County, near Sarasota, that Lizzy Martinez, a 17-year-old high school junior, was removed from class for not wearing a bra and made to wear Band-Aids over her nipples. Martinez was sent back to class, but was so mortified by the incident that she started crying in class and texted her mother saying she felt "sexualized and humiliated," according to the letter. [Read more](#)



**PURGE WAR - "Group asks appeals court to hear case to purge voter rolls," by Sun Sentinel's Larry Barszewski:** "federal court case isn't over yet against Broward Elections Supervisor Brenda Snipes. It claims she isn't moving quickly enough to remove ineligible voters from the county's rolls. The American Civil Rights Union filed notice Sunday that it is appealing U.S. District Judge [Beth Bloom's March decision](#) that found Snipes' office was following the state's requirements. The notice went to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. The ACRU and other conservative organizations have [accused elections offices](#) across the nation of not doing a good enough job purging their rolls of ineligible voters - including people who had died, moved, committed felonies or were not U.S. citizens. And they say that could encourage vote fraud." [Read more](#)

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could get the trooper more meth than he had found in his car. Scott Ecklund, 32, was arrested on charges of methamphetamine possession and driving with a suspended license. He was arrested earlier this month and accused of crashing a Chevrolet truck into a house in Winter Park and claiming to be an FBI agent with an AR-style rifle, police said at the time." Read more

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Re: Violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20507**

Dear Secretary Detzner:

We write to bring your attention to possible violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") in Florida. From public records obtained, six counties in Florida have more total registered voters than adult citizens over the age of 18 as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011-2015 American Community Survey. This is strong circumstantial evidence that these counties are not conducting reasonable voter registration record maintenance as mandated under the NVRA.

NVRA Section 8 requires states to do reasonable list maintenance so as to maintain accurate lists of eligible voters for use in conducting federal elections.<sup>1</sup> As you may know, Congress enacted Section 8 of the NVRA to protect the integrity of the electoral process. Allowing the names of ineligible voters to remain on the voting rolls harms the integrity of the electoral process and undermines voter confidence in the legitimacy of elections. As the U.S. Supreme Court has stated, "[P]ublic confidence in the integrity of the electoral process has independent significance, because it encourages citizen participation in the democratic process."<sup>2</sup>

This letter serves as statutory notice that Judicial Watch will bring a lawsuit against your office if you do not take specific actions to correct these violations of Section 8 within 90 days. In addition, by this letter we are asking you to produce certain records to us which you are required to make available under Section 8(i) of the NVRA.<sup>3</sup> We hope that litigation will not be necessary to enforce either of these claims.

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<sup>1</sup> In Florida, responsibility to coordinate statewide NVRA Section 8 compliance lies with the Secretary of State's Office. See Fla. Stat. § 97.012; 52 U.S.C. § 20509.

<sup>2</sup> *Crawford et al. v. Marion County Election Board*, 553 US 181, 197 (2008).

<sup>3</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).

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As the top election official in Florida, it is your responsibility under federal law to coordinate Florida's statewide effort to conduct a program that reasonably ensures the lists of eligible voters are accurate. The following information explains how we determined that your state is in violation of NVRA Section 8 and the remedial steps you now must take to comply with the law.

**1. Six Counties Have More Total Registered Voters Than Citizen Voting Age Population.**

Based on our review of 2014 Election Assistance Commission (EAC) data, the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and the November 2014 and 2016 active and inactive voter registration records, Florida is failing to comply with the voter registration list maintenance requirements of Section 8 of the NVRA. For example, a comparison of the five-year American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and 2014 EAC data shows there were more total registered voters than there were adult citizens over the age of 18 living in each of the following six counties: Clay (registration rate 101%), Flagler (106%), Okaloosa (100%), Osceola (106%), Santa Rosa (108%), and St. Johns (114%).

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This situation in Florida has, if anything, gotten worse since the publication of that report. A comparison of the November 2016 total voter registration records of these six counties obtained from your website with the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data shows that this trend has either stayed constant or has increased. The data shows that five of the six counties have more total voter registrants than citizens eligible to vote, even accounting for the U.S. Census Bureau's margin of error.

Your failure to maintain accurate, up-to-date voter registration lists has created the risk that the 2018 federal elections will lack the integrity required by federal law and by the expectations of Florida citizens, and will therefore undermine public confidence in the electoral process.

**2. The NVRA Requires You to Undertake Reasonable Efforts to Maintain Accurate Lists of Eligible Registered Voters**

Under Section 8 of the NVRA, Florida is required to undertake a uniform, nondiscriminatory voter registration list maintenance program that complies with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, Section 8 requires states to make a reasonable effort to

<sup>4</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(b)(1).



remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters due to (A) “the death of the registrant” or (B) “a change in the residence of the registrant” to a place outside the jurisdiction in which he or she is registered.<sup>5</sup> Section 8 also requires states to ensure noncitizens are not registered to vote.<sup>6</sup>

The list maintenance obligations of Section 8 of the NVRA were elaborated upon by the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”), which requires states to “ensure that voter registration records in the State are accurate and updated regularly” and undertake a “system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote from the official list of eligible voters.”<sup>7</sup> HAVA also requires each state to coordinate its computerized statewide voter registration list with state agency death records.<sup>8</sup> Finally, HAVA requires all states to remove convicted felons from the voter rolls if felons cannot vote under state law.<sup>9</sup>

As the chief state election official for Florida, you are required to lead and direct voter list maintenance efforts in your state, and you must conduct an active oversight program to monitor local county election officials’ list maintenance activities.<sup>10</sup> If your oversight reveals that counties have failed to adequately execute list maintenance tasks, you must either change the state’s program to ensure county compliance, or assume direct responsibility over the failing counties’ list maintenance tasks.<sup>11</sup>

### **3. Failure to Comply with NVRA Subjects You to Lawsuits and Financial Costs**

In passing the NVRA, Congress authorized a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the NVRA, including Section 8. Accordingly, Judicial Watch and others may bring a lawsuit against you under the NVRA if you fail to correct these violations within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.<sup>12</sup> You are receiving this letter because you are the designated chief state election official under the NVRA.

Congress also authorized awards of attorney’s fees, including litigation expenses and costs, to the prevailing party.<sup>13</sup> Consequently, if we initiate a lawsuit under the NVRA and the

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<sup>5</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4).

<sup>6</sup> *U.S. v. Florida*, 870 F. Supp. 2d 1346, 1351 (N.D. Fla. 2012) (“For noncitizens, the state’s duty is to maintain an accurate voting list . . . A state can and should . . . block[] a noncitizen from registering in the first place”).

<sup>7</sup> 52 U.S.C. §§ 21083(a)(4) and 21083(a)(4)(A).

<sup>8</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II).

<sup>9</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (ii)(I).

<sup>10</sup> *U.S. v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 850-851 (8th Cir. 2008).

<sup>11</sup> *U.S. v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 851 (8th Cir. 2008).

<sup>12</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20510(b)(2).

<sup>13</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20510(c).



court finds you in violation, you will be responsible for paying our attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses.

#### 4. Avoiding Litigation

In order to avoid litigation, we hope you will promptly initiate efforts to comply with Section 8 so that no lawsuit will be necessary. We ask you to please respond to this letter in writing no later than 45 days from today informing us of the compliance steps you are taking. Specifically, we ask you to: (1) conduct or implement a systematic, uniform, nondiscriminatory program to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of a change in residence; and (2) conduct or implement additional routine measures to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of death, change in residence, or a disqualifying criminal conviction, and to remove noncitizens who have registered to vote unlawfully.

When you respond to this letter, please identify all the steps you are taking or plan to take in detail, and advise us of the results of those efforts or the target implementation date for each activity or program you will be undertaking. If you plan to begin taking new steps in 2017 to comply with your obligations, please outline them to us in your response, providing specific dates for completion of each activity. In order to avoid litigation, we may seek certain reasonable assurances that Florida will affirmatively undertake the steps outlined, up to and including the execution of a settlement agreement between you and Judicial Watch. You may wish to consult Judicial Watch's recent settlement agreement with the State of Ohio for examples of certain activities which tend to show compliance with NVRA Section 8.<sup>14</sup> You should also evaluate whether your office is communicating and coordinating effectively for list maintenance purposes with the various federal, state, and local entities listed immediately below in Section 5 of this letter.

#### 5. Production of Records

Finally, pursuant to your obligations under the NVRA,<sup>15</sup> please make available to us all pertinent records concerning "the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency" of Florida's official eligible voter lists during the past 2 years. Please include these records with your response to this letter. These records should include, but are not limited to:

1. Copies of the most recent voter registration database from each Florida county and city mentioned in this letter, including fields indicating name, date of birth, home address, most recent voter activity, and active or inactive status.

<sup>14</sup> A copy of the Settlement Agreement between Judicial Watch and Ohio is available at <http://www.judicialwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/01-14-Ohio-Voter-Rolls-Settlement.pdf>.

<sup>15</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).



2. Copies of all email or other communications internal to the office of the Florida Secretary of State, including any of its divisions, bureaus, offices, third party agents, or contractors, (hereinafter, collectively "Secretary's Office") relating to the maintenance of accurate and current voter rolls.
3. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and all Florida County Voter Registration Officials concerning:
  - a. Instructions to the counties concerning their general list maintenance practices and obligations;
  - b. Instructions to the counties for the removal of specific noncitizens and deceased, relocated, or convicted persons identified by the Secretary's Office; and
  - c. Notices to the counties concerning any failure to comply with their voter list maintenance obligations under Florida's program.
4. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the Florida State Department of Health, the Florida State Department of Corrections, the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Florida State Judiciary concerning obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.
5. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the U.S. Attorney(s) for Florida, the U.S. District Court for Florida, the U.S. Social Security Administration, the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security concerning the National Change of Address database, the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements database, or any other means of obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.
6. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the Interstate Voter Registration Cross-Check Program, the Electronic Registration Information Center, the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems, and any other U.S. State concerning obtaining information about deceased or relocated registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.

If you do not produce these records within 45 days, or if you fail to otherwise advise us that you are making them available to us at specified times and locations, you will be deemed to be in violation of the NVRA and subject to litigation.

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April 11, 2017  
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We hope our concerns can be resolved amicably. However, if we believe you do not intend to correct the above-identified problems, a federal lawsuit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against you may be necessary. We look forward to receiving your prompt response.

Sincerely,

**JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.**



Thomas J. Fitton  
President

By: U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail and Email

cc: Robert D. Popper, Esq., Judicial Watch; Chris H. Chambliss, Clay County Supervisor of Elections; Kaiti Lenhart, Flagler County Supervisor of Elections; Louise McGirr, Okaloosa County Voter Registration Manager; Rosa Cruz, Osceola County Voter Registration Manager; Tappie A. Villane, Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections; Vicky Oakes, St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections



# Court Report

## Judicial Watch Sues Kentucky Over Dirty Voter Registration Rolls

**48 Kentucky counties have more registered voters than citizens of voting age**

Judicial Watch filed a federal lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Kentucky over its failure to take reasonable steps to maintain accurate voter registration lists. The lawsuit alleges that 48 Kentucky counties have more registered voters than citizens over the age of 18. The lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Central Division (*Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Alison Lundergan Grimes et al.* (No. 3:17-cv-00094)).

Kentucky was one of 12 states to which Judicial Watch sent notice-of-violation letters last year threatening to sue because they have counties in which the number of registered voters exceeds the number of citizens of voting age. Both the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Help America Vote Act require states to take reasonable steps to maintain accurate voting rolls.

Judicial Watch analyzed registration data and compared them to the most recent census data to determine the county registration rates. In its



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complaint, Judicial Watch notes that Kentucky's registration rates are sky-high and are national outliers:

"Whenever a jurisdiction has more voter registrations than individuals old enough to register — in other words, a registration rate exceeding 100 percent of adult residents — it is a strong indication, recognized by federal courts, that the jurisdiction is not taking the steps required by law to remove the registrations of ineligible registrants.

"Kentucky leads every other state in the nation in the number of counties in which total registration exceeds the citizen voting-age population. Specifically, the number of voter registrations exceeds the number of age-eligible citizens

in 48 Kentucky counties, or 40 percent of all Kentucky counties."

Judicial Watch also notes that Kentucky is one of only three states in the country where the statewide active registration rate is greater than 100 percent of the age-eligible citizen population.

Judicial Watch cites several other deficiencies in Kentucky's handling of voter registration and related issues. Kentucky is required by law to disclose to the federal Election Assistance Commission the number of inactive registrations it carries on its voter rolls. It failed to do so. Kentucky also is required to report the number of address-confirmation letters it sent to citizens who were thought to have moved out of state. It failed to release this information, as well.

Kentucky also is required by the NVRA to keep registration-related records and to make them publicly available on request. Judicial Watch made such a request, and Kentucky initially promised to disclose these records. But, it broke this promise and, at the time the lawsuit was filed, had failed to make records available.

Judicial Watch points out that Kentucky's inflated voter rolls indicate that it is not complying with federal laws requiring it to cancel the registrations of citizens who have died or moved elsewhere. This conclusion is bolstered by Kentucky's failure to divulge registration-related

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**"Kentucky has some of the dirtiest election rolls in the country."**

~ Judicial Watch  
 President Tom Fitton

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records it is required to disclose by federal law. In its lawsuit, Judicial Watch asks the court to declare Kentucky in violation of Section 8(a)(4) of the NVRA; to require it to implement a program to remove ineligible registrants; and to compel it to turn over relevant records and information.

"Kentucky has some of the dirtiest election rolls in the country," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Federal law requires states to take reasonable steps to clean up their voting rolls — and clearly Kentucky hasn't done that. Dirty voting rolls can mean dirty elections. This lawsuit aims to ensure that citizens can have more confidence that elections in Kentucky won't be subject to fraud."

Judicial Watch Senior Attorney and Election Integrity Project Director Robert Popper was formerly deputy chief of the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

Judicial Watch previously filed successful lawsuits under the NVRA against Ohio and Indiana, which

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resulted in those states' taking several actions to clean up their voting rolls. Judicial Watch also is suing the State of Maryland and Montgomery County as well as Los Angeles County and the State of California over their failure to release documents, in violation of the NVRA.

Judicial Watch is being assisted by Mark Wohlander of the Wohlander Law Office in Lexington, Kentucky and by Thomas E. Clay of Clay Daniel Walton & Adams in Louisville, Kentucky. JW

Judicial Watch violation letter to Kentucky



April 11, 2017

VIA USPS CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL

The Honorable Alison Lundergan Grimes  
Kentucky Secretary of State  
700 Capital Ave., Suite 152  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20507

Dear Secretary Grimes:

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Osceola	336,015	26%	248,615	183,432	73.8%
Collier	365,136	20%	292,108	191,235	65.5%
Broward	1,909,632	21%	1,546,802	1,135,940	73.4%
Miami/Dade	2,712,945	20%	2,170,356	1,305,121	60.1%

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April 11, 2017



*VIA USPS CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL*

The Honorable Ken Detzner  
Office of the Florida Secretary of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Re: Violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20507**

Dear Secretary Detzner:

We write to bring your attention to possible violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") in Florida. From public records obtained, six counties in Florida have more total registered voters than adult citizens over the age of 18 as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011-2015 American Community Survey. This is strong circumstantial evidence that these counties are not conducting reasonable voter registration record maintenance as mandated under the NVRA.

NVRA Section 8 requires states to do reasonable list maintenance so as to maintain accurate lists of eligible voters for use in conducting federal elections.<sup>1</sup> As you may know, Congress enacted Section 8 of the NVRA to protect the integrity of the electoral process. Allowing the names of ineligible voters to remain on the voting rolls harms the integrity of the electoral process and undermines voter confidence in the legitimacy of elections. As the U.S. Supreme Court has stated, "[P]ublic confidence in the integrity of the electoral process has independent significance, because it encourages citizen participation in the democratic process."<sup>2</sup>

This letter serves as statutory notice that Judicial Watch will bring a lawsuit against your office if you do not take specific actions to correct these violations of Section 8 within 90 days. In addition, by this letter we are asking you to produce certain records to us which you are required to make available under Section 8(i) of the NVRA.<sup>3</sup> We hope that litigation will not be necessary to enforce either of these claims.

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<sup>1</sup> In Florida, responsibility to coordinate statewide NVRA Section 8 compliance lies with the Secretary of State's Office. See Fla. Stat. § 97.012; 52 U.S.C. § 20509.

<sup>2</sup> *Crawford et al. v. Marion County Election Board*, 553 US 181, 197 (2008).

<sup>3</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).

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Judicial Watch is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability in government and fidelity to the rule of law. As part of its mission, Judicial Watch is committed to the private enforcement of the NVRA, and we regularly commence and litigate NVRA lawsuits. See *Judicial Watch and True the Vote v. Husted*, Civil Action No. 2:12-cv-00792 (S.D. Oh.); *Judicial Watch, et. al v. King*, Case No. 1:12-cv-00800 (S.D. Ind.).

As the top election official in Florida, it is your responsibility under federal law to coordinate Florida's statewide effort to conduct a program that reasonably ensures the lists of eligible voters are accurate. The following information explains how we determined that your state is in violation of NVRA Section 8 and the remedial steps you now must take to comply with the law.

**1. Six Counties Have More Total Registered Voters Than Citizen Voting Age Population.**

Based on our review of 2014 Election Assistance Commission (EAC) data, the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and the November 2014 and 2016 active and inactive voter registration records, Florida is failing to comply with the voter registration list maintenance requirements of Section 8 of the NVRA. For example, a comparison of the five-year American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and 2014 EAC data shows there were more total registered voters than there were adult citizens over the age of 18 living in each of the following six counties: Clay (registration rate 101%), Flagler (106%), Okaloosa (100%), Osceola (106%), Santa Rosa (108%), and St. Johns (114%).

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This situation in Florida has, if anything, gotten worse since the publication of that report. A comparison of the November 2016 total voter registration records of these six counties obtained from your website with the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data shows that this trend has either stayed constant or has increased. The data shows that five of the six counties have more total voter registrants than citizens eligible to vote, even accounting for the U.S. Census Bureau's margin of error.

Your failure to maintain accurate, up-to-date voter registration lists has created the risk that the 2018 federal elections will lack the integrity required by federal law and by the expectations of Florida citizens, and will therefore undermine public confidence in the electoral process.

**2. The NVRA Requires You to Undertake Reasonable Efforts to Maintain Accurate Lists of Eligible Registered Voters**

Under Section 8 of the NVRA, Florida is required to undertake a uniform, nondiscriminatory voter registration list maintenance program that complies with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, Section 8 requires states to make a reasonable effort to

<sup>4</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(b)(1).



remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters due to (A) “the death of the registrant” or (B) “a change in the residence of the registrant” to a place outside the jurisdiction in which he or she is registered.<sup>5</sup> Section 8 also requires states to ensure noncitizens are not registered to vote.<sup>6</sup>

The list maintenance obligations of Section 8 of the NVRA were elaborated upon by the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”), which requires states to “ensure that voter registration records in the State are accurate and updated regularly” and undertake a “system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote from the official list of eligible voters.”<sup>7</sup> HAVA also requires each state to coordinate its computerized statewide voter registration list with state agency death records.<sup>8</sup> Finally, HAVA requires all states to remove convicted felons from the voter rolls if felons cannot vote under state law.<sup>9</sup>

As the chief state election official for Florida, you are required to lead and direct voter list maintenance efforts in your state, and you must conduct an active oversight program to monitor local county election officials’ list maintenance activities.<sup>10</sup> If your oversight reveals that counties have failed to adequately execute list maintenance tasks, you must either change the state’s program to ensure county compliance, or assume direct responsibility over the failing counties’ list maintenance tasks.<sup>11</sup>

### **3. Failure to Comply with NVRA Subjects You to Lawsuits and Financial Costs**

In passing the NVRA, Congress authorized a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the NVRA, including Section 8. Accordingly, Judicial Watch and others may bring a lawsuit against you under the NVRA if you fail to correct these violations within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.<sup>12</sup> You are receiving this letter because you are the designated chief state election official under the NVRA.

Congress also authorized awards of attorney’s fees, including litigation expenses and costs, to the prevailing party.<sup>13</sup> Consequently, if we initiate a lawsuit under the NVRA and the

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<sup>5</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4).

<sup>6</sup> *U.S. v. Florida*, 870 F. Supp. 2d 1346, 1351 (N.D. Fla. 2012) (“For noncitizens, the state’s duty is to maintain an accurate voting list . . . A state can and should . . . block[] a noncitizen from registering in the first place”).

<sup>7</sup> 52 U.S.C. §§ 21083(a)(4) and 21083(a)(4)(A).

<sup>8</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II).

<sup>9</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (ii)(I).

<sup>10</sup> *U.S. v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 850-851 (8th Cir. 2008).

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<sup>12</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20510(b)(2).

<sup>13</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20510(c).



court finds you in violation, you will be responsible for paying our attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses.

#### 4. Avoiding Litigation

In order to avoid litigation, we hope you will promptly initiate efforts to comply with Section 8 so that no lawsuit will be necessary. We ask you to please respond to this letter in writing no later than 45 days from today informing us of the compliance steps you are taking. Specifically, we ask you to: (1) conduct or implement a systematic, uniform, nondiscriminatory program to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of a change in residence; and (2) conduct or implement additional routine measures to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of death, change in residence, or a disqualifying criminal conviction, and to remove noncitizens who have registered to vote unlawfully.

When you respond to this letter, please identify all the steps you are taking or plan to take in detail, and advise us of the results of those efforts or the target implementation date for each activity or program you will be undertaking. If you plan to begin taking new steps in 2017 to comply with your obligations, please outline them to us in your response, providing specific dates for completion of each activity. In order to avoid litigation, we may seek certain reasonable assurances that Florida will affirmatively undertake the steps outlined, up to and including the execution of a settlement agreement between you and Judicial Watch. You may wish to consult Judicial Watch's recent settlement agreement with the State of Ohio for examples of certain activities which tend to show compliance with NVRA Section 8.<sup>14</sup> You should also evaluate whether your office is communicating and coordinating effectively for list maintenance purposes with the various federal, state, and local entities listed immediately below in Section 5 of this letter.

#### 5. Production of Records

Finally, pursuant to your obligations under the NVRA,<sup>15</sup> please make available to us all pertinent records concerning "the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency" of Florida's official eligible voter lists during the past 2 years. Please include these records with your response to this letter. These records should include, but are not limited to:

1. Copies of the most recent voter registration database from each Florida county and city mentioned in this letter, including fields indicating name, date of birth, home address, most recent voter activity, and active or inactive status.

<sup>14</sup> A copy of the Settlement Agreement between Judicial Watch and Ohio is available at <http://www.judicialwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/01-14-Ohio-Voter-Rolls-Settlement.pdf>.

<sup>15</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).



2. Copies of all email or other communications internal to the office of the Florida Secretary of State, including any of its divisions, bureaus, offices, third party agents, or contractors, (hereinafter, collectively "Secretary's Office") relating to the maintenance of accurate and current voter rolls.
3. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and all Florida County Voter Registration Officials concerning:
  - a. Instructions to the counties concerning their general list maintenance practices and obligations;
  - b. Instructions to the counties for the removal of specific noncitizens and deceased, relocated, or convicted persons identified by the Secretary's Office; and
  - c. Notices to the counties concerning any failure to comply with their voter list maintenance obligations under Florida's program.
4. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the Florida State Department of Health, the Florida State Department of Corrections, the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Florida State Judiciary concerning obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.
5. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the U.S. Attorney(s) for Florida, the U.S. District Court for Florida, the U.S. Social Security Administration, the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security concerning the National Change of Address database, the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements database, or any other means of obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.
6. Copies of all email or other communications between the Secretary's Office and the Interstate Voter Registration Cross-Check Program, the Electronic Registration Information Center, the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems, and any other U.S. State concerning obtaining information about deceased or relocated registered voters for the purpose of updating Florida's voter registration lists.

If you do not produce these records within 45 days, or if you fail to otherwise advise us that you are making them available to us at specified times and locations, you will be deemed to be in violation of the NVRA and subject to litigation.

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Thomas J. Fitton  
April 11, 2017  
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We hope our concerns can be resolved amicably. However, if we believe you do not intend to correct the above-identified problems, a federal lawsuit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against you may be necessary. We look forward to receiving your prompt response.

Sincerely,

**JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.**



Thomas J. Fitton  
President

By: U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail and Email

cc: Robert D. Popper, Esq., Judicial Watch; Chris H. Chambliss, Clay County Supervisor of Elections; Kaiti Lenhart, Flagler County Supervisor of Elections; Louise McGirr, Okaloosa County Voter Registration Manager; Rosa Cruz, Osceola County Voter Registration Manager; Tappie A. Villane, Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections; Vicky Oakes, St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections







# Court Report

## Judicial Watch Sues Kentucky Over Dirty Voter Registration Rolls

**48 Kentucky counties have more registered voters than citizens of voting age**

Judicial Watch filed a federal lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Kentucky over its failure to take reasonable steps to maintain accurate voter registration lists. The lawsuit alleges that 48 Kentucky counties have more registered voters than citizens over the age of 18. The lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Central Division (*Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Alison Lundergan Grimes et al.* (No. 3:17-cv-00094)).

Kentucky was one of 12 states to which Judicial Watch sent notice-of-violation letters last year threatening to sue because they have counties in which the number of registered voters exceeds the number of citizens of voting age. Both the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Help America Vote Act require states to take reasonable steps to maintain accurate voting rolls.

Judicial Watch analyzed registration data and compared them to the most recent census data to determine the county registration rates. In its



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complaint, Judicial Watch notes that Kentucky's registration rates are sky-high and are national outliers:

"Whenever a jurisdiction has more voter registrations than individuals old enough to register — in other words, a registration rate exceeding 100 percent of adult residents — it is a strong indication, recognized by federal courts, that the jurisdiction is not taking the steps required by law to remove the registrations of ineligible registrants.

"Kentucky leads every other state in the nation in the number of counties in which total registration exceeds the citizen voting-age population. Specifically, the number of voter registrations exceeds the number of age-eligible citizens

in 48 Kentucky counties, or 40 percent of all Kentucky counties."

Judicial Watch also notes that Kentucky is one of only three states in the country where the statewide active registration rate is greater than 100 percent of the age-eligible citizen population.

Judicial Watch cites several other deficiencies in Kentucky's handling of voter registration and related issues. Kentucky is required by law to disclose to the federal Election Assistance Commission the number of inactive registrations it carries on its voter rolls. It failed to do so. Kentucky also is required to report the number of address-confirmation letters it sent to citizens who were thought to have moved out of state. It failed to release this information, as well.

Kentucky also is required by the NVRA to keep registration-related records and to make them publicly available on request. Judicial Watch made such a request, and Kentucky initially promised to disclose these records. But, it broke this promise and, at the time the lawsuit was filed, had failed to make records available.

Judicial Watch points out that Kentucky's inflated voter rolls indicate that it is not complying with federal laws requiring it to cancel the registrations of citizens who have died or moved elsewhere. This conclusion is bolstered by Kentucky's failure to divulge registration-related

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 President Tom Fitton

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records it is required to disclose by federal law. In its lawsuit, Judicial Watch asks the court to declare Kentucky in violation of Section 8(a)(4) of the NVRA; to require it to implement a program to remove ineligible registrants; and to compel it to turn over relevant records and information.

"Kentucky has some of the dirtiest election rolls in the country," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Federal law requires states to take reasonable steps to clean up their voting rolls — and clearly Kentucky hasn't done that. Dirty voting rolls can mean dirty elections. This lawsuit aims to ensure that citizens can have more confidence that elections in Kentucky won't be subject to fraud."

Judicial Watch Senior Attorney and Election Integrity Project Director Robert Popper was formerly deputy chief of the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

Judicial Watch previously filed successful lawsuits under the NVRA against Ohio and Indiana, which

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resulted in those states' taking several actions to clean up their voting rolls. Judicial Watch also is suing the State of Maryland and Montgomery County as well as Los Angeles County and the State of California over their failure to release documents, in violation of the NVRA.

Judicial Watch is being assisted by Mark Wohlander of the Wohlander Law Office in Lexington, Kentucky and by Thomas E. Clay of Clay Daniel Walton & Adams in Louisville, Kentucky. JW

Judicial Watch violation letter to Kentucky



April 11, 2017

VIA USPS CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL

The Honorable Alison Lundergan Grimes  
Kentucky Secretary of State  
700 Capital Ave., Suite 152  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20507

Dear Secretary Grimes:

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Summer is upon us! or I should say Hurricane season is almost upon us. We are all hoping and praying that this year we will not have any hurricane's hit Florida. These last few weeks with day after day of 1 to 2" rain falls has been a reminder that we should all be ready for what might come this summer.

I've been busy working on finding a hotel in the Orlando area for our September Fall Board of Directors meeting. A reminder that all club Presidents and Standing Committee Chairs sit on the Board of Directors. We must have a quorum in order to do business. Please mark your calendar for September 21 - 23.

I'm excited about this meeting, we will be rolling out our new Patriot's Program. I will be sending out an email in the next few weeks giving you all the details. Watch for it, I don't want anyone to miss the chance to participate.

The NFRW reported that membership is down nationwide - we are seeing it in Florida as well. Please work on getting those renewals in, and finding new members. I talk with every new person I meet and encourage them to join us, each person should invite one friend to a meeting, if we did that we would double our size in no time!

The NFRW Achievement award applications are out, now is the time to print a copy and see how your club is doing. I firmly believe if you use the achievement award as a blueprint on how your club should operate you will be successful. Next year in September we will be going to Indiana for the convention and Florida would be so proud to have you all join us to see how many awards our clubs win!

***"We need you, we need your youth, your strength, and your idealism, to help us make right what is wrong."- Ronald Reagan***

***Dena Stebbins DeCamp***  
President



### FFRW Calendar

The FFRW Calendar is a regular feature of the monthly newsletter. Use it as a guide when planning your Club's activities. 2018 will be a busy year in terms of election and campaign events, and to keep in mind for various Achievement Awards submissions. If there are events of interest that you are aware of, or key dates, please send me an email, so we can include it below.

**June 9, 2018 - FFTARS State Convention**, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm. Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando FL. SAVE THE DATE

**June 28-29th, 2018 - SUNSHINE SUMMIT**, Gaylord Palms Resort, **Orlando**. For more

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details, visit [sunshinesummit.org](http://sunshinesummit.org)

September 14-15, 2018 - NFRW Board of Directors Meeting, Alexandria, VA. SAVE THE DATE!

**September 22 & 23, 2018 -FFRW Fall Board of Directors** Meeting and Conference, Orlando Save the Date! WATCH FOR DETAILS

**March 10, 11 & 12, 2019 - FFRW Spring Board of Directors and Conference - Tallahassee, FL SAVE THE DATE!!**

## ***News from your Florida Federation of Republican Women***

### **CHANGES TO 2018-219 CLUB ACHIEVMENT AWARDS FORM**

The 2018-2019 Club Achievement Awards Form is now posted on the NFRW website, along with the form for the Betty Heitman Awards for State Federations.

You will notice that the 2018-2019 forms have a new look. We are saying goodbye to the PDF paper forms. The new forms are Excel spreadsheets and will be completed on a computer and submitted by email.

"We know this is new, but we felt like this was the time to make the conversion from paper to electronic," Achievement Awards Chair Linda Smith says (cc'ed in). Here is what a club needs to know:

- Save a copy of the Excel spreadsheet award entry form to your computer.
- As you complete items, go ahead and add them. Only the cells that need information are active.
- By June 1, 2019, email the completed Excel spreadsheet to your State President and/or State Achievement Awards Chair (depending on what rules your state has).
- By June 30, 2019, State Presidents will email all the entries she has received to the NFRW Achievement Awards Committee member assigned to her state. Committee members are listed on the awards form. The State President's email will be certification that the forms have been checked and are correct.

The process that State Federation's should follow in completing and submitting the Heitman forms is similar. Details are included on the Heitman form.

### **A Message from Pastor Patti**

Pastor Patti delivered on of the Invocations at the Space Coast Prayer Breakfast recently. Her prayer is below. Beautiful in its simplicity.  
Our Heavenly Father,

We come to you on this National Day of Prayer thankful that you are as the Psalmist David declared, greeting us with your steadfast love.

This morning we gather in UNITY with others across this great nation, our hearts turned toward you. Let us seek to love other things less, by worshipping you more. We invoke the words of Pastor Scotty Smith: "For even our best days are in need of the gospel, and none of our worst days are beyond the reach of the gospel"

May we always heed the admonishing of your servant Peter, and be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks, the reason for the hope, that we have in you.

Bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies as we ask your favor on those who prepared it and those who so kindly serve it.

As we go along now, help us to be quieter, humbler, kinder, and come back to you tomorrow with more devoted hearts, trusting that you will have even more blessings for us.

We pray in your glorious name as we implore you with urgency to BLESS AMERICA,

Amen and shalom

Smite.  
Grace

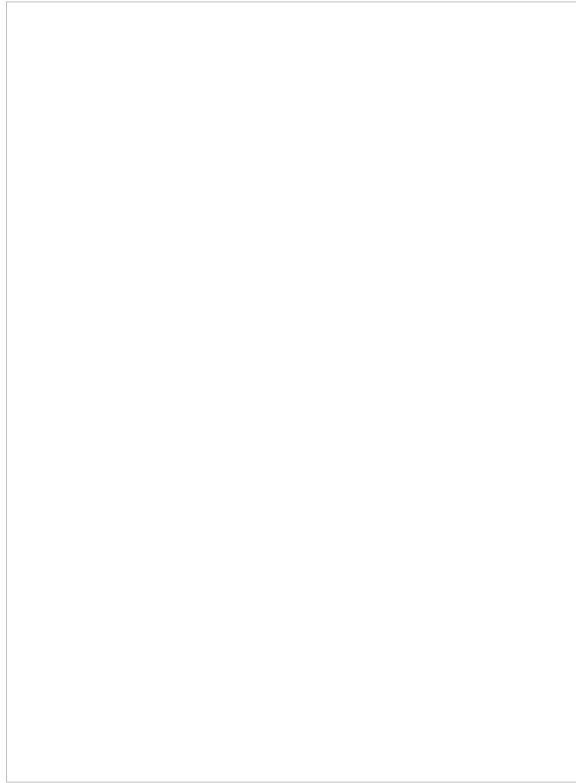
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## UPDATE ON THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION

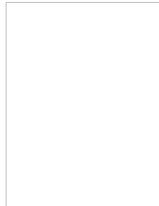
The work of the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission has been completed with the submission of their final report. The report details the 8 final proposed amendments with the proposed ballot language. These amendments will appear on the November 2018 ballots. The amendments are as follows:

Revision 1: Rights of crime victims;  
Revision 2: First Responder and military member survivor benefits;  
Revision 3: School Board terms limits & duties  
Revision 4: Prohibition of offshore oil and gas drilling; also the prohibition of indoor vaping;  
Revision 5: State and local government structure and operations;  
Revision 6: Property rights;  
Revision 7: Lobbying and abuse by the Office of Public Officers  
Revision 8: Ends dog racing

Now that these revisions have been announced, expect the lobbying and some hand-wringing to begin in earnest. In the coming months, we will detail each of these amendments.  
For additional information and to follow any progress made, visit their website, [www.flcra.gov](http://www.flcra.gov).

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**INCREASE YOUR POWER AND INFLUENCE! BECOME AN ACTIVIST FOR FFRW**  
By: Jean Wingo FFRW 1st Vice President and Legislative Chair



This year the FFRW is providing the opportunity for all women to become activists in every phase of government! We are developing a place for many talents and interests in a new structure for expanding our successful new Government Affairs/Legislative program. You can make a critical difference as we move forward with a new administration in Florida and the Country!

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research with a friend - and you will be amazed at how knowledgeable and influential you will become.

1) **Key Contact Committee** - After the election, we should be able to have one or more key contacts for each Republican legislator and Congressman. Visit their home office once and then be ready to make calls when they can for help. You can also be their contact for providing speaking opportunities and other contacts, so they will love having you as a friend too.

2) **Issues Committee** - Over 2000 bills are filed and you can be shown the way to go through a section of these using our guidelines and then connect with the other members to share what you have seen as possibilities. If you have expertise or special interest in a particular area like county government, health care, or education, even better!

3) **Research Committee** - Provide vetted facts to all clubs so they easily write articles. We can show you reliable sources such as the James Madison Institute and Tax Watch for state issues for Peter Schweizer Government Accountability Institute books for national concerns.

4) Become a **writer** through our P committee utilizing the facts from the Research Committee. Inundate the media and radio shows! We will be heard.

5) **Tallahassee Visits Committee** - Anytime members come to Tallahassee, you will have the resources and information to visit legislators, know their way around the Capitol, find committees where you can speak on our issues. BE VISIBLE FOR THE FFRW!

I think so often of the huge sacrifices the foot soldiers at Valley Forge and so many others made to save our Country! Knowledgeable Republican women only need to do a small part to let women know they can join us to be compassionate activists, but in responsible way to preserve this country for the next generation.

Send an email or text to Dena or me with your interest and you will be added to the committee of your choice! Also, let us know if you are interested in a Chairmanship!

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### ***FFRW NEWSLETTER REBOOT***

Many thanks to the FFRW Clubs and Committees who have sent in photos and stories about events and meetings they are participating in. Does your Club have a unique idea for a fundraising event? Or for YOUR Caring for America Project? Please send in your story so we can put in this Newsletter. Your project may give other Clubs ideas for their own projects. Is your Club advocating for legislation in your area? Or working on a project? Share it with us via the Newsletter.

We are adding new regular features in 2018, including Candidate Spotlights and upcoming appearances; expanding FFRW Club coverage; Monthly Florida Constitutional Revision Commission updates and more. But we can't do this without YOU, our members!! We want to cover the State in this important upcoming election year, so **Please consider becoming one of our newsletter reporters!** Contact Barb Zack, FFRW Newsletter Editor for more information or to become a reporter. My email is [barbzack@afi.cc](mailto:barbzack@afi.cc), or call me at 407-921-7219.

**This is YOUR Newsletter ladies!! What would YOU like to see? We want this to be the BEST Newsletter EVER!!!**

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### ***WHAT ARE SOME FFRW CLUBS DOING THIS MONTH??***

Many Clubs are hosting candidates for local and state offices, and discussing many issues of the day. They are encouraging their members to get out there and work the campaigns and study the issues. ACTIVE Clubs!! Our Clubs need to stay active and educated! Don't be a LUNCH CLUB only!

Do you want to see what other Clubs are doing? Go on Facebook and LIKE their pages! Remember also to like the FFRW Facebook page! Want more information on candidates running for office, from local schoolboard up to Governor? Check their Facebook pages too, and their websites. For National and State offices, Doris Cortese is the FFRW Campaign Chair. Reach out to Doris for any information, or to give us information. Let's stay in touch throughout 2018 to ensure Republican victory at ALL Levels of government!

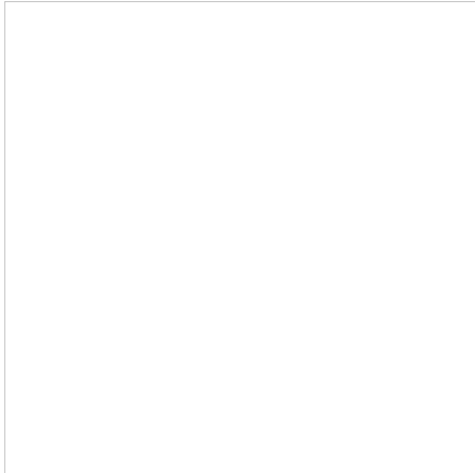
**We would LOVE to feature YOUR Club and activities, but we need your PHOTOGRAPHS!!! PLEASE, Ladies, who doesn't like to see themselves in the Newsletter, but we can't do it without your PHOTOGRAPHS!! Email photos of your events, meetings and community activities to me at [barbzack@mail.com](mailto:barbzack@mail.com).**

Former Trump Campaign Advisor and Republican dynamo Karen Giorno spoke at the Atlantic Federated Republican Women's meeting on April 28th.



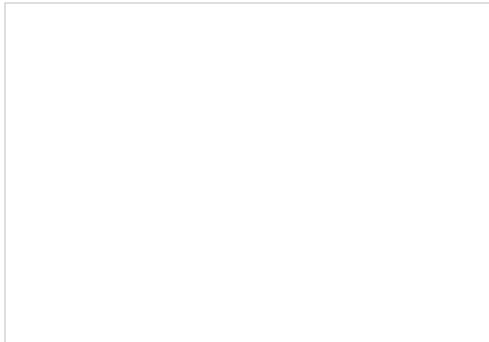


Cheryl Taffee with Karen Giorno

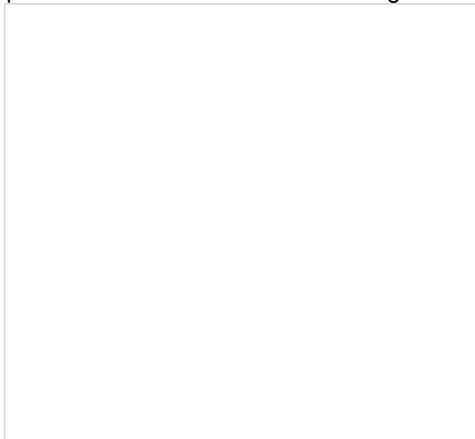


Karen Giorno speaks to the AFRWC.

Showing they are more than just a lunch Club, AFRWC is out laying wreaths at Veterans' graves recently.



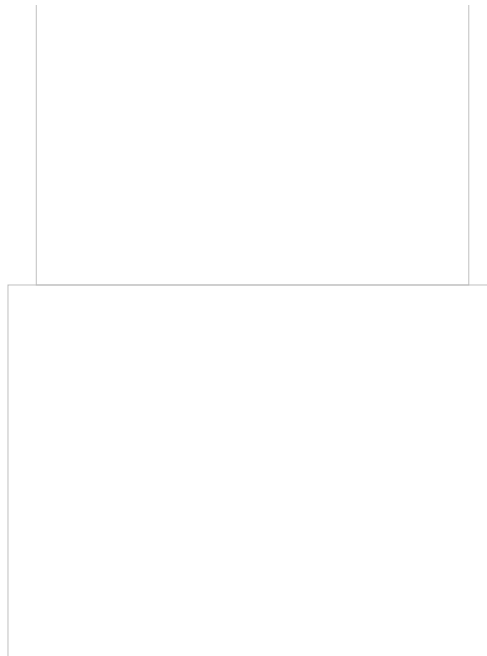
The Republican Women Club of Lakeland, Federated, met April 19 at the Imperial Swan Hotel. Guest Speaker was Lakeland Fire Chief Douglas E. Riley.



Panhandle Federated Republican Women, Republican Executive Committee, and Republican Roundtable meeting hosting Adam Putnam, Republican nominee for Florida Governorship. Great speech by Adam Putnam and ALL appeared to enjoy the buffet put on by the Shipyard Grill today from 11:00am to ~1:00pm. What a great event!!!

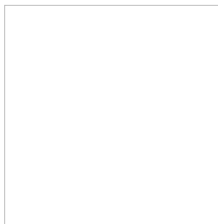






### **ONE LAST THING**

**Submitted by Mariana Woolcock, President, Republican Federated Women of the Villages**



**The White House Correspondents' Dinner, was a low point of woman involvement in politics. It showed a woman at her worst. The jokes attacked Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Kellyanne Conway were disgusting. What a disrespectful low way of being reminded, by a woman who used four letter words to get her point across, that women achieved their goal, they have a place at the liberal table.**

I thought I had observed a lack of civility at the Inauguration, with the women wearing "pink pussy" hats and harassing Republican Women, we said nothing, this is America, that was their right. However, the White House Correspondent's Dinner went too far. I have attended political roasts, but never saw anything as disgusting as a woman using a platform to attack other women. I hope this is not what it means to have women voices involved in politics.

The Republican Federated Women of the Villages, is a nation-wide organization and there is a place at our table for women. Join us to show that women know how to do politics, without reducing ourselves to name calling and disrespect for the other side of the political spectrum. We are Republican Women Leaders.

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There are always tons of weighty issues that create challenges for election officials, but sometimes the trickiest ones are the simplest and smallest – like how to handle the situation when two candidates in the same contest, one an incumbent, have the same name. That’s the case in Kansas, where two Congressional candidates named Ron Estes are generating controversy and forcing state election officials to go the extra mile to distinguish them. [Kansas.com has more:](#)

*The Rep will stay on the ballot.*

*U.S. Congressman Ron Estes will be listed as “Rep. Ron Estes” on the Republican primary ballot in his race against Ron M. Estes — a first-time candidate of the same name — after a state board denied an objection against using the name.*

*Should Rep. Estes win the primary, the “Rep” will not appear on the general election ballot, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach said.*

*The decision marked the latest development in the odd political drama that began when Ron M. Estes filed to run for Congress as the deadline to enter the race approached. This is his first run for office. He is a registered Republican but has donated to Democrats in the past.*

*The State Objections Board met Monday to consider a complaint against his candidacy brought by Laura Lombard, who is running for Congress as a Democrat. But the panel, consisting of Kobach and two proxies from the attorney general and lieutenant governor’s office, voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint. [NOTE: Not every objection is dismissed; dental hygiene enthusiast “Vermin Supreme” was **not allowed to remain on the ballot for Attorney General** due to residency issues.]*

*Lombard had called the use of “Rep” unnecessary and had expressed fear that should Rep. Estes win the primary, he would be listed as “Rep. Ron Estes” on the general election ballot, potentially giving him an advantage over the Democratic opponent.*

*“This is partisan politics and we kind of knew walking in the door the likelihood of a partisan panel of all three Republicans — particularly Kris Kobach being the person who made the decision in the first place — we knew the likelihood of a ‘no’ was imminent,” Lombard said.*

*The rare sight of candidates with the same name prompted Kobach to invoke a little-known law allowing candidates to use a prefix or suffix with their names on the ballot to avoid confusion. Rep. Estes chose to list his name as “Rep. Ron Estes.”*

*Ron M. Estes’ campaign has said Rep. Estes shouldn’t be able to use his title on the ballot and that listing him as “Ron G. Estes”*



would be sufficient. Absent that, the campaign wanted Ron M. Estes listed as “Real Ron Estes,” a label that also serves as his campaign moniker.

Ron M. Estes has not spoken to reporters but has been communicating through statements sent by a campaign email account that purports to be from him.

Neither Ron M. Estes nor anyone else spoke at the hearing.

An email purporting to be from Ron M. Estes sent after the board vote said Kobach “has decided to bolster one Republican over another” in the primary.

Ron M. Estes filed as “Ron M. Estes” and he has contended his middle initial should be enough to distinguish between the two candidates. His campaign has said he intentionally used his middle initial to make the difference clear.

But the members of the State Objections Board expressed concern that the middle initial alone would not be enough to stop confusion over which candidate is which.

“In fact when I heard ‘Ron M. Estes’ I think my first thought was, ‘Oh, that’s Congressman Estes.’ So I had no idea which one was G and which one was M and I consider myself reasonably attuned to the political events of the state,” Kobach said.

Rep. Estes hailed the board’s decision as helping voters avoid confusion created by a “sad attempt to mislead voters.” He also called on Democratic candidate James Thompson to return donations made by Ron M. Estes and said Democrats running in the district should condemn attempts to mislead voters.

“This imposter candidate has deliberately avoided media along with voters and Kansans deserve to know who is behind his campaign,” Rep. Estes said in a statement.

A spokeswoman for Thompson didn’t immediately return a request for comment.

Political maneuvering aside, this case illustrates how important ballot content – including candidates’ names – is to the voting process. I’ll be curious to see how local officials highlight the distinction in the run-up to the August 7 primary. Don’t look twice – and stay tuned ...

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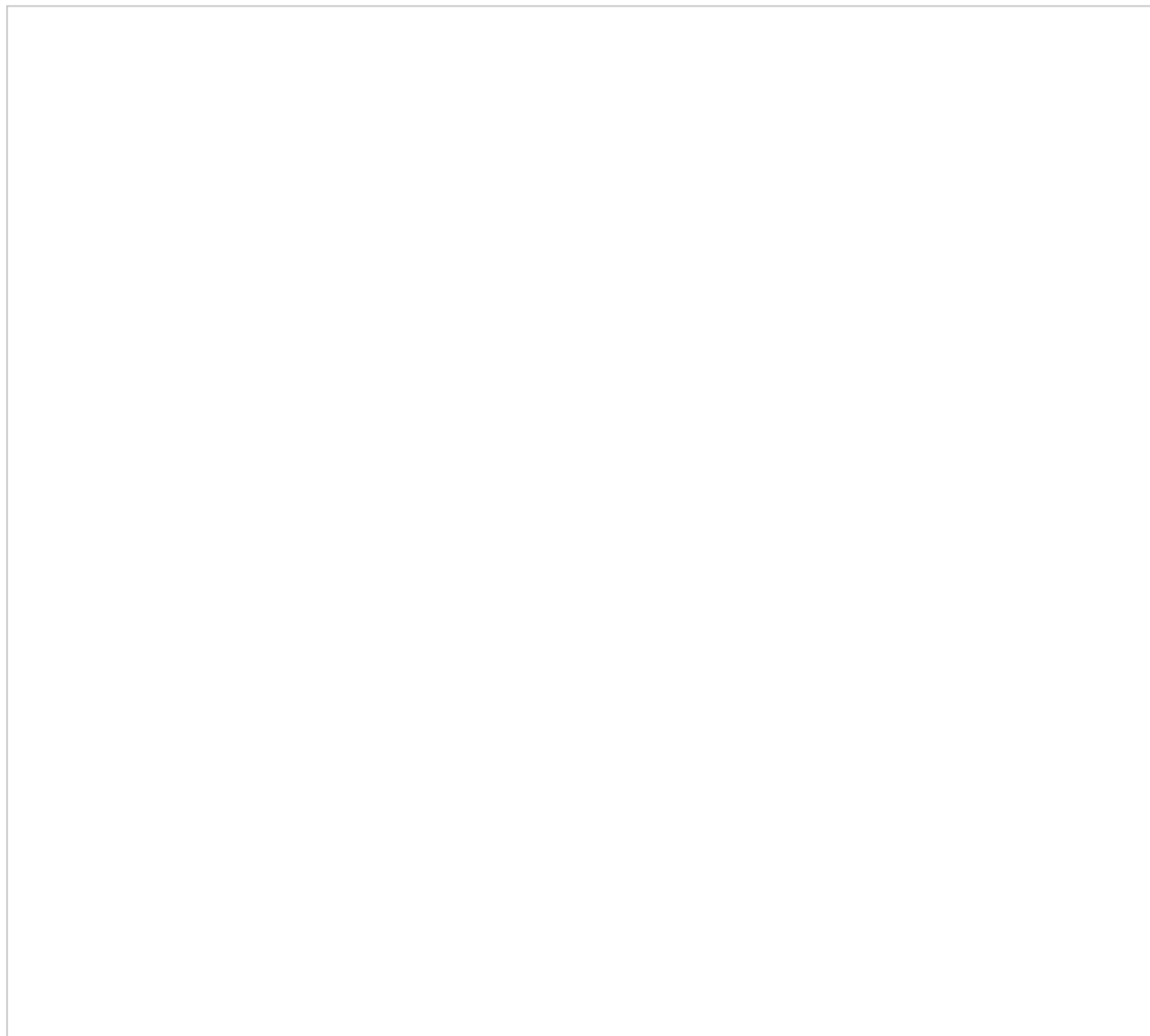
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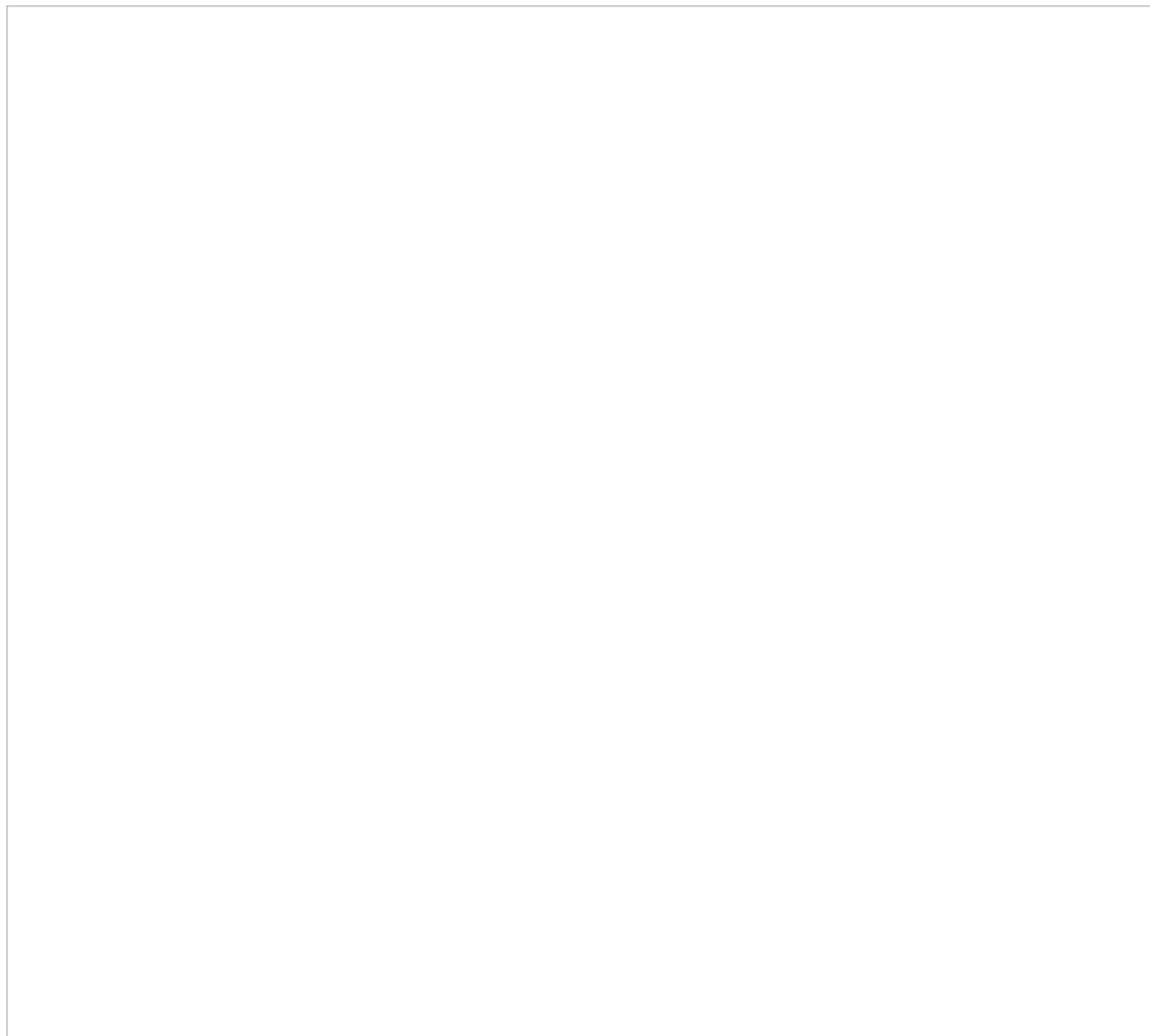
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This is a significant ruling, not just for Kansas but also for the potential issues it raises – including balancing federal and state control over elections – that could eventually find their way back to the U.S. Supreme Court. For now, though, it’s a big win for plaintiffs and a vivid reminder of a key rule in litigation: win or lose, don’t irritate the judge. Stay tuned ...

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Daytona Beach News-Journal

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[2018 One of the Most Pivotal \*\*Election\*\* Years for \*\*Florida\*\* Voters](#) - Sunshine State News

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Florida Politics (blog)

Former Republican Party of **Florida** Chair Leslie Dougher has reinvented herself as a gadfly for Sen. Bill Nelson's re-**election** campaign in recent ...



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[Lawsuit claims Kobach's Crosscheck program exposed private \*\*voter\*\* data](#) - WIBW

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**Florida** retailers are endorsing Lakeland Republican Sen. Kelli Stargel's re-**election** for Senate District 22. **Florida** Retail Federation President/CEO R.



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New candidates filed Monday for three Republican-held seats in the state Legislature. In Senate District 2, Fort Walton Beach Democrat Mary Jeanne ...



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Florida Politics (blog)

On Tuesday, the **Florida** Retail Federation announced its endorsement of Naples Republican Kathleen Passidomo for a second term in Senate District ...



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Aaron Bean addresses primary, general **election** challenges ... **Florida** Politics caught up with Bean at an Adam Putnam event Saturday, and he ...



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**Florida's** older voters could prove to be the salvation for the **Republican Party** in the 2018 midterm **elections**. Polling released Tuesday shows voters ...

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#### Florida Legislature, Partisan Appointees Prevent Equal Voting Rights for All

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#### Eileen Higgins wins Miami-Dade commission seat in upset over Zoraida Barreiro

Miami Herald

With all 60 precincts reporting, Higgins had 53 percent of the **vote**, and ... "Eileen Higgins victory made it very clear that no seat is safe in **Florida**," the ...

[Dem scores upset over Republican in Florida county commissioner race](#) - The Hill

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Arkansas Online

"This **ACLU** lawsuit is yet another attack on secure and fair elections in ... **Florida election** officials released the names, dates of birth, addresses and ...





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Los Angeles Times

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**Good Tuesday morning.** We have two special state House elections today in Polk and Miami-Dade counties. The former seat, HD-39, is a safe GOP district so, unless the truly unexpected happens, Republican Josie Tomkow will win. In the Miami-area contest between Democrat Javi Fernandez and Republican Andrew Vargas, it's anyone's guess. Normally, we would give you the early ballots cast by party (which we [did yesterday](#), when the GOP had an 8.6 percentage point lead), but we can't download the data from the state elections website. Great job, guys.

- **"Florida's Final 2018 Competitive State House Special Election: HD114," by MCI Maps' Matthew Isbell:**[Read more](#)

**MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT?** - Also today, Gov. Rick Scott's Senate campaign announces he'll join Puerto Rico Congresswoman Jenniffer González-Colón for "a major announcement" at El Cilantrillo Cafe & Restaurant in Kissimmee and La Casona Restaurant Tampa. We'll see if it's truly "major" like New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's "New York Stands with Puerto Rico Recovery and Rebuilding [Initiative](#)" announced yesterday, or just an endorsement from one Republican to another. But this won't be the biggest news in Orlando today ...

... TRUPLANDIA AND THE SWAMP ...

**GRAYSON VS. SOTO - "Alan Grayson to run for Congress," by WFTV's Christopher Heath and Katy Camp:**

"Democrat Alan Grayson wants his former seat back, despite the fact that is currently held by a Democrat, Congressman Darren Soto (FL-09) ... 'I wish I hadn't run for Senate,' said Grayson. 'If I hadn't run for Senate, I'd be in Congress right now fighting Donald Trump tooth and nail right now. I think Donald Trump should be impeached ... 'I don't need anyone's permission to run for office. What I've done is ask the people ... I can run anywhere in the state; I could run from Key West to Pensacola.'" [Read more](#)

**SCOTT VS. ... RPOF? - "Scott hammers Florida GOP's D'Souza invite," by POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon:**Gov. Rick Scott joined some prominent Florida Republicans on Monday in slamming a decision by the state party to invite Dinesh D'Souza, who mocked survivors of a Florida school shooting, to speak at a gathering of its top activists. The Republican Party of Florida announced that D'Souza would be among the featured speakers at its Sunshine Summit, a June event designed to showcase the party's strength and grass-roots support headed into the 2018 midterms. [Read more](#)

**LOYAL? - "Rubio recommends onetime Trump critic for Cuba broadcast job," by POLITICO Florida's Marc Caputo:** Sen. Marco Rubio is backing former Miami mayor and Cuban exile leader Tomas Regalado to lead the troubled federal office that oversees Radio and TV Martí in its attempts to counter Cuba's state-run media on the island. But even with his recommendation from Rubio, Regalado, he has a mark against him in an administration that prizes loyalty: Regalado had been critical of President Donald Trump's immigration rhetoric before and after the campaign. Still, Regalado was supportive of Trump's Cuba policy reversing Obama's rapprochement with the island's totalitarian regime. Rubio and Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart helped shape the policy, and Regalado worked with the White House on the venue for the announcement last June at the Manuel Artime Theater in Miami. Regalado sat in the front row. [Read more](#)

**HOW FIDEL SCREWED ABC - "'My dearest Fidel': An ABC journalist's secret liaison with Fidel Castro," by Peter Klornbluh in POLITICO Magazine:** [Read more](#)

**RIP - "Michael McGuire, foreign correspondent who played key role in opening Havana bureau for Tribune, dies," by Chicago Tribune's Bob Goldsborough:** [Read more](#)

**WHEN DEMS LOVE MARCO - "Rubio: 'No evidence' workers are greatly benefiting from corporate tax changes," by POLITICO's Brian Faler:** Sen. [Marco Rubio](#) (R-Fla.) is echoing Democrats' complaints that the GOP's recent tax code revamp is doing too little for average Americans. "There is still a lot of thinking on the right that if big corporations are happy, they're going to take the money they're saving and reinvest it in American workers," he [told](#) the Economist. "In fact they bought back shares; a few gave out bonuses; there's no evidence whatsoever that the money's been massively poured back into the American worker." Democrats immediately seized on the remarks. [Read more](#)

- **"Marco Rubio offers his Trump-crazed party a glint of hope," by The Economist:**[Read more](#)

**TRUMP ORG - "Here's how much the Republican Party pays to meet at Trump's resort in Miami," by Miami Herald's Alex Daugherty:** "The Republican Party is coming to South Florida this week, and the GOP is spending its money at a familiar haunt: President Donald Trump's golf resort in Doral. The Republican National Committee [spent \\$234,000](#) on venue rental and catering at Trump National Doral Miami since the beginning of this year, where it will host its spring meeting from May 2 to May 5. Trump's U.S. businesses, which include resorts and hotels across the country that are frequently used for conferences and meetings, have received [at least \\$15.1 million](#) in revenue from political groups and federal agencies since

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2015, according to a report released earlier this month. The RNC spent \$424,000 at Trump-owned properties during the first two months of 2018, according to Federal Election Commission [documents](#). [Read more](#)

**SPOTTED** Trump's 2020 campaign manager and 2016 digital media director, Brad Parscale, hanging out this weekend at Elbo Room on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Parscale earlier this year he rented office space on Broward Boulevard just across the Intracoastal Waterway. [Picture here](#)

**TPS QUESTION - "Hondurans could lose Temporary Protected Status this week under Trump," by Miami Herald's Monique O. Madan:** "As chronic violence and a deep political crisis roil their home country, Hondurans in the United States have something else to worry about - their fate. On Friday, the Department of Homeland Security will decide whether they'll extend the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) of about 57,000 Hondurans. TPS is a federal program that for decades has allowed more than 435,000 immigrants from 10 countries to legally live and work in the United States." [Read more](#)

**GUN FREE ZONE - "Parkland students criticize NRA over banned guns at upcoming Pence event," by POLITICO's Rebecca Morin:** "Parkland survivors criticized the National Rifle Association after it announced guns are being banned from Vice President Mike Pence's upcoming speech at the organization's annual convention later this week. The NRA posted a disclaimer on the NRA-ILA Leadership Forum [event page](#), saying that due to Pence's attendance, Secret Service will be responsible for event security. Therefore, 'firearms and firearm accessories, knives or weapons of any kind will be prohibited in the forum prior to and during his attendance.' President Donald Trump will [also reportedly speak](#) at the convention and firearms will be banned for his portion as well." [Read more](#)

... PUERTO RICO AT A GLANCE ...

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- "U.S. awards \$589M to Puerto Rico's education department," by AP: [Read more](#)

- "Oh, Florida! For our Puerto Rican evacuees, a primer on Florida politics," by the Tampa Bay Times' Craig Pittman: [Read more](#)

... DATELINE TALLAHASSEE ...

**MONTHS AFTER DUCKING THE QUESTION - "Adam Putnam champions 2nd Amendment, explains calling himself proud NRA sellout," by Sun Sentinel's Anthony Man:** "Republican governor candidate Adam Putnam straddled Monday some of the knottiest questions that have arisen since the [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre](#). He attempted to avoid angering the people mobilizing for gun control while trying to avoid crossing the politically potent [National Rifle Association](#). He said he'd enforce new state gun restrictions, including an increase in the age to buy rifles and shotguns from 18 to 21, even though he said he didn't support them. And he defended the right of most people to use and enjoy firearms, and said the debate should focus on people who shouldn't have guns and making schools safer from attack." [Read more](#)

**STILL LAGGING - "Lengthy medical marijuana ID card delays continue," by POLITICO Florida's Arek Sarkissian:** Despite an extended deadline, the production of the legally required identification cards for authorized medical marijuana patients remains delayed, leaving the vendor hired to process the credentials sidelined and frustrated as patients wait weeks. Documents obtained by POLITICO show Jacksonville-based Veritec has still failed to receive the necessary information required from the state's Medical Marijuana Use Registry to produce the ID cards. The registry - a database of more than 100,000 authorized medical marijuana users - is maintained by Bradenton-based Five Points Technology Group. [Read more](#)

**SHORTCHANGED - "High court agrees to take major education issue," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The Florida Supreme Court today accepted jurisdiction in a lawsuit alleging the state's leaders are shirking their constitutional duty to provide a "uniform, efficient ... and high-quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high-quality education." A group of public education activists called Citizens for Strong Schools first filed the suit in 2009, and have pointed to troubling achievement gaps that persist between students with more advantages and their disadvantaged peers - specifically racial minorities, children with disabilities and those in poverty - to support their argument. The state, for its part, has defended not only lawmakers' funding levels but also the key policies that govern Florida's public schools, such as standardized testing mandates and the school grading system crafted by former Gov. Jeb Bush. [Read more](#)

**'SEXUALIZED AND HUMILIATED' - "Florida school district's dress code called unconstitutional by ACLU," by POLITICO's Benjamin Wermund:** The American Civil Liberties Union on Monday blasted a Florida school district for removing a female student from class because she was not wearing a bra, arguing the district's dress code is unconstitutional and violates Title IX. It was the latest example of school dress codes seen as unfairly aimed at female students. A [report](#) issued by the National Women's Law Center last week argued that dress codes in D.C. schools often unfairly target black girls. The ACLU alleged [in a letter to school officials](#) in Manatee County, near Sarasota, that Lizzy Martinez, a 17-year-old high school junior, was removed from class for not wearing a bra and made to wear Band-Aids over her nipples. Martinez was sent back to class, but was so mortified by the incident that she started crying in class and texted her mother saying she felt "sexualized and humiliated," according to the letter. [Read more](#)



**PURGE WAR - "Group asks appeals court to hear case to purge voter rolls," by Sun Sentinel's Larry Barszewski:** "federal court case isn't over yet against Broward Elections Supervisor Brenda Snipes. It claims she isn't moving quickly enough to remove ineligible voters from the county's rolls. The American Civil Rights Union filed notice Sunday that it is appealing U.S. District Judge [Beth Bloom's March decision](#) that found Snipes' office was following the state's requirements. The notice went to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. The ACRU and other conservative organizations have [accused elections offices](#) across the nation of not doing a good enough job purging their rolls of ineligible voters - including people who had died, moved, committed felonies or were not U.S. citizens. And they say that could encourage vote fraud." [Read more](#)

**FORE! - "Florida municipal golf courses have lost nearly \$100M over past five years," by TC Palm's Lisa Broadt:** "Like orange groves, royal palms and Disney World, golf has long been part of Florida's identity, and municipal golf courses have provided locals with affordable opportunities to play. But as golf and local demographics change, many municipal courses are struggling with declining participation and revenue. That change is forcing local governments to re-evaluate what role, if any, they should play in running golf courses." [Read more](#)

**HONEY BUNNINGS - "Officer accused of bribing youths to savagely assault 17-year-old detainee. The teen died," by Miami Herald's Carol Marbin Miller:** "Step out of line at the Miami-Dade juvenile lockup and you just might get a beating, dished out by an enforcer, orchestrated by members of the staff, and rewarded by a treat from the officer vending machines. The beatings were known as 'honey bunnings,' and the culture they spawned was codified in secret language and gestures known only to officers and their charges. The brutal system flourished and festered until one of those assaults, by a mob of a dozen youths, turned deadly - and a federal grand jury said enough." [Read more](#)

- "Why did Miami's prosecutor clear prison guard now facing federal charges in fatal juvenile beating?" by Miami New Times' Jerry Iannelli: [Read more](#)

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**TOXIC MOLD - "Costly mold invades Fort Meade's municipal buildings after Irma," by Fox 13's Ken Suarez:** "Hurricane Irma is long gone, but her effects are still being felt, at least in Fort Meade. Mold is growing in three of the city's most important buildings: City Hall, the fire department, and the old police station, now being rented by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Mold can cause you to get nauseated, your eyes to water, and even lead to asthma. City officials first got a hint something was up when they saw something black growing on a large picture that hangs in the city commission chambers. It turned out to be mold." [Read more](#)

**TOXIC SLUDGE - "Fort Myers files motion to dismiss claims of toxic sludge neighbors," by News-Press' Patricia Borns:** "The City of Fort Myers has filed a motion to dismiss all but one of Fort Myers residents' claims in a lawsuit over the dumping of toxic sludge decades ago in a family neighborhood. The residents' case filed last month sought a federal court order to clean up of the arsenic-tainted South Street landfill based on violations of federal rules prohibiting open dumping. They also sought retroactive fines of \$37,500 a day that could exceed \$500 million if awarded. The city answered Thursday that open dumping regulations don't apply in its case because it dumped the hazardous material before 1976 when the rules were enacted. Although aerial photos suggest otherwise, the motion says the dumping stopped in the early 1960s." [Read more](#)

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**SUNKEN PLACE - "12 sinkholes form in Ocala neighborhood," by WFTV's Megan Cruz:** "Two more sinkholes have formed in an Ocala neighborhood. At least a dozen sinkholes have been reported since last week in the Wynchase at Fore Ranch subdivision. The holes have been forming around a retention pond. 'They just keep coming,' resident Maren Pinder told [Channel 9's Megan Cruz](#). 'Are we safe? We don't know. It's really scary.'" [Read more](#)

**METH MADNESS - "Driver to trooper: Let me go and I'll get us more meth," by Tribune News Service:** "A man was arrested Sunday after asking a Florida Highway Patrol trooper if he could run away from the scene of a crash, saying he  
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could get the trooper more meth than he had found in his car. Scott Ecklund, 32, was arrested on charges of methamphetamine possession and driving with a suspended license. He was arrested earlier this month and accused of crashing a Chevrolet truck into a house in Winter Park and claiming to be an FBI agent with an AR-style rifle, police said at the time." Read more

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**STATEMENT REGARDING ORAL ARGUMENT**

Appellant American Civil Rights Union requests oral argument. This case presents questions of first impression for this Court, and raises questions of interpreting the federal statute at issue here that have not been decided by any United States Court of Appeals.



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## STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

The American Civil Rights Union brought this suit, invoking the district court's jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because this case involves federal questions arising from an Act of Congress. Following a bench trial, the district court issued a final judgment on March 30, 2018, resolving all claims in this case. The American Civil Rights Union timely appealed on April 29, 2018. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291.

## STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

1. Whether the district court erred as a matter of law in holding that the list-maintenance obligations imposed by the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"), as clarified by the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA"), are limited to removal of voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or change of address.
2. Whether the district court erred as a matter of law in holding that the NVRA's mandate for election officials to "conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists" by reason of death or relocation is met by compliance with minimum requirements established by state law instead of a professional standard or care.
3. Whether the district court erred as a matter of law in holding that HAVA's mandate for election officials to "coordinate the computerized [voter] list with State



agency records on death” creates a safe harbor for meeting the NVRA’s requirement of “conduct[ing] a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists” by reason of death, when state agency records do not include out-of-state deaths.

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-31, 107 Stat. 77 (now codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*), to codify a careful balance. On one side, Congress made it easier to register to vote. On the other side, Congress required election officials to maintain accurate voter rolls by removing ineligible voters from those expanded rolls. A decade later, Congress enacted the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666 (now codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20901 *et seq.*) (“HAVA”), which was designed in part, as the Supreme Court itself has recently recognized, to “clarify” the obligations imposed by the NVRA.

Protecting the integrity of America’s electoral systems is a primary focus of the American Civil Rights Union (“ACRU”), as a central component of the ACRU’s mission to protect the civil rights of all Americans by educating the public about constitutional government. The ACRU is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in Washington, D.C., that in recent years has primarily focused on voting rights and election integrity.



ACRU's research revealed that in Broward County, Florida, there was an implausibly high number of names on the County's voter rolls relative to the number of voting-age residents in the County—in fact, the data showed voter registrations at approximately 100 percent of the County's voting-age population, which is far above the national average. *See* Doc. 217-9 at 5. An expert analysis showed this unrealistic 100 percent registration rate persisted through 2010, 2012, and 2014. *Id.* at 6-7. This data from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the U.S. Census Bureau (in its American Community Survey) is the “gold standard” used as the basis for many federal programs that consider population. Doc. 229 at 84:5-18.

Pursuant to the requirements of the NVRA, ACRU sent a letter on January 26, 2016, to Brenda Snipes, who is the Broward County Supervisor of Elections, a position authorized by Florida statute. FLA. STAT. § 98.015. ACRU informed Snipes that Broward County had “an implausible number of registered voters,” and that the County was thus in violation of the NVRA. Doc. 1-1.<sup>1</sup> ACRU offered to work with the County to cure that deficiency, and gave notice of intent to litigate if the situation were not remedied. *Id.*

When Snipes rebuffed ACRU's efforts to assist, Doc 1-2, ACRU filed this suit on June 27, 2016 under Section 8 of the NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20510, both in its

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<sup>1</sup> The letter also contends that the County is in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A), which is part of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).



corporate capacity and on behalf of its members in Broward County. Doc. 1, 1-2. 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Worker East intervened in the lawsuit on the side of Snipes.

The district court held a five-day bench trial from June 25 to August 2, 2017, during which the specific facts of Broward County's noncompliance became clear.

The testimony of ACRU's population and voter registration statistics expert, Dr. Steven Camarota, showed that the registration rate was above or very close to 100% for the election cycles of 2010, 2012, and 2014. Doc. 217-9 at 6-7. Although SEIU's expert challenged ACRU's analysis on the ground that the registration figures and population figures were not exactly contemporaneous—population data for each year was based on July estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, while voter registration data was based on October voter statistics from the Florida Secretary of State—he did not provide any data that would lead to a different result or contend that any differences would have been material to ACRU's expert's conclusion that voter registration rates in Broward County were extraordinarily high. Doc. 233 at 169-173.

ACRU's election administration expert, former Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler, examined the condition of the County's rolls and Snipes's procedures in light of Florida law, concluding that the Snipes's list maintenance efforts are not reasonable and do not constitute a general program of list maintenance. Doc. 229 at



145:6-10; Doc. 217-10 ¶ 17; Doc. 217-3 ¶ 13. Based on his review, he determined that Snipes does not perform even the minimum list maintenance procedures required by Florida law. Doc. 229 at 182:2-191:13.

In addition, uncontested evidence showed that Snipes does nothing to verify whether voter registration applicants are citizens and thus eligible to vote, and that she has no program in place to identify and remove non-citizens already on the voter rolls. Doc. 232, at 35, 90-92. It also showed that Snipes does not have any program in place to identify and remove voters who become ineligible by registering and voting in other states, or who die in other states. Doc. 232 at 35, 88-89. Snipes also admitted that she had received information on 1,200 voters who were improperly registered at commercial addresses, but that those individuals' addresses were simply changed to the elections office address rather than being placed in the pipeline for cancellation. Doc. 232 at 158-59; Doc. 231 at 150-54.

The weight of the evidence also showed that Snipes did not properly utilize any one of the three alternative procedures required by Florida law. Snipes and her staff admitted that the office does not obtain change-of-address information from a licensed USPS vendor. Doc. 229 at 184:3-25.; Doc. 217-7 at 7; Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 23, 24 (citing Def. Resp. to Interrogatory No. 17). Contemporaneous certifications of list maintenance do not claim to have done any mass *nonforwardable* mailings, as Florida law requires. Doc. 217-5; FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(b)-(c). And although



Supervisor Snipes “amended”—doctored is the more appropriate word—the certificates after this litigation was underway to claim that she had done mass *nonforwardable* mailings, Doc. 217-6, the actual documentary evidence of the mailings themselves demonstrate that all of the large mailings done by her office are clearly marked as *forwardable* or not marked at all (and the default for unmarked First Class mailings is *forwardable*, per postal regulations), Doc. 217-13—a point about which Snipes and her staff were confused at trial. *Compare* Doc. 232 at 59 (Mary Hall, contending that they did “non-forwardable mailings” of vote by mail ballots), *with id.* at 74 (acknowledging the ballots were sent by First-Class mail [which is, by default, forwardable], and not recalling whether non-forwarding was requested); *compare also id.* at 59 (Mary Hall contending that voter registration cards were sent by forwardable mail) *with id.* at 87 (Snipes stating that she thought the voter registration cards were “non-forwardable,” but that she might “be wrong”).

Gessler’s expert opinion also included that a reasonable list maintenance program under the NVRA must feature consistent and written policies and procedures. Doc. 229 at 110:1-112:25. Snipes had no written policies and procedures other than the online software help system that is part of the Voter Registration System (“VR System”), a proprietary third-party software program used by most supervisors of election in Florida. Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 16-17; Doc. 244 at 22-23. The third-party VR System manual does not include procedures for all of the



County's list maintenance-related activities, such as how to handle ineligibility information received from a third party under FLA. STAT. § 98.075(6) or how to respond registrations at invalid commercial addresses. Doc. 231 at 153:22-154:24. The VR System manual is proprietary and not open to public inspection. Doc. 233 at 6:8-12.

Finally, Gessler concluded that the fluctuating numbers of registrations moved into inactive status and then also the numbers moved from inactive to ineligible were not consistent with a reasonable industry standard program of list maintenance, Doc. 229 at 163:12-18, 164:16-166:4, examining the evidence, Doc. 217-3 at 8. It is common for consistent list maintenance activities to result in consistent and regular removals due to population mobility, Doc. 229 at 140:24-25, and the Florida Division of Elections requires expired inactive registrations to be removed before the end of the year following general elections, Doc. 217-13.

Third parties also contacted Snipes' office regarding invalid registrations and testified at trial. In 2012, Richard DeNapoli contacted Snipes regarding decedents from the Social Security Death Index who were still active on County rolls. Doc. 230 at 246:22-247:5, 247:8-248:3, 250:12-15. In December 2013, Gregg Prentice gave Snipes information regarding 1,200 registrations potentially at invalid commercial addresses on the official Broward County voter roll. Doc. 231 at 149, 153. Those voter addresses were eventually updated, not to residential addresses but



to the election office itself, in mid-2015—after the intervening federal midterm election. In 2014, Mr. Richard Gabbay catalogued inaccurate and non-current information on the rolls in his community. Doc. 231 at 99:8-100:9, 103:11-105:19; Doc. 223-29. In 2016, William Skinner and Kirk Wolak found names on County rolls that were also registered in New York and sent this information to Snipes in August 2016, with no response until 2017 after this suit commenced. Doc. 230 at 164:4-9, 167:12-16, 168:6-10, 169:7-10, 170:11-15; Doc. 217-1; Doc. 217-2.

Snipes does not use information from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles database for list maintenance purposes. Doc. 233 at 92:5-6. And she does not attempt to obtain or use out-of-state registration information for list maintenance purposes, as authorized by FLA. STAT. § 98.045(2)(b), even though she is aware of potential inaccuracies in the voter rolls based on out-of-state registrations. Doc. 232 at 35:1-4; Doc. 230 at 170:10-172:8.

Subsequent to the bench trial, the district court issued a judgment in favor of the County on March 30, 2018. Doc. 244. ACRU then timely appealed to this Court on April 29, 2018. Doc. 246.

### STANDARD OF REVIEW

This Court reviews *de novo* conclusions of law following a bench trial, and reviews factual findings for clear error. *Fla. Int'l Univ. Bd. of Trs. V. Fla. Nat'l Univ., Inc.*, 830 F.3d 1242, 1253 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2016). This Court also reviews *de novo*



a district court's application of law to facts. *Holston Invs., Inc. v. Lanlogistics, Corp.*, 677 F.3d 1068, 1070 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2012). The issues presented in this appeal are either pure questions of law or of how the law applies to specific facts, all subject to *de novo* review here.

### SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

The district court erroneously held that the list-maintenance obligations imposed on state and local election officials by the NVRA only require removal of voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or change of address, not on any other ground. This holding fails to take account of both the statutory purpose and other text of the NVRA, as well as the explicit text of HAVA, which, as the Supreme Court has recently recognized, clarifies the NVRA. Uncontested evidence clearly demonstrated, among other problems, that Supervisor Snipes **did not verify the citizenship eligibility of voter registration applicants, or have any program to identify and remove non-citizen voters already on the rolls.**

With respect to list-maintenance to remove voters who had become ineligible by reason of death or relocation, the district court erroneously held that the “reasonable effort” standard mandated by federal law could be met by partial compliance with requirements set forth in state law, rather than a professional standard of conduct. And even there, it ignored Supervisor Snipes’s numerous failures to comply with state law.



Finally, the district court erroneously held that a mandate in HAVA that election officials coordinate their voter list with State agency records on death created a safe harbor, exonerating election officials from taking reasonable steps to identify and removed deceased voters who had died in other states.

## ARGUMENT

### **I. SUPERVISOR SNIPES FAILED TO CONDUCT LIST MAINTENANCE TO REMOVE INELIGIBLE VOTERS, AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW, OTHER THAN FOR THOSE WHO BECAME INELIGIBLE BY REASON OF DEATH OR RELOCATION.**

Pursuant to its authority under the Elections Clause to regulate the “Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections” for federal officers, U.S. CONST. art. I, § 4, cl. 1, Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-31, 107 Stat. 77 (now codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*) (“NVRA”), and the Help America Vote Act, Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666 (now codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20901 *et seq.*) (“HAVA”).

Congress explicitly declared its twin purposes in enacting the NVRA, codified in the “Purposes” section of that statute. The first is to make it easier for eligible citizens to register to vote in federal elections. Congress then balanced that objective with the second: helping to ensure the integrity of the election process by providing for clean, current, and secure voter rolls, codified in purpose statements (3) and (4). Specifically, Congress declared in the first section of the statute that:

The purposes of this chapter are—



- (1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office;
- (2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this chapter in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office;
- (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and
- (4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.

52 U.S.C. § 20501(b); *see also* *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Inst.*, 138 S. Ct. 1833, 1838 (2018) (“The Act has two main objectives: increasing voter registration and removing ineligible persons from the States’ voter registration rolls”).

These are the purposes that inform the NVRA’s operative provisions, including the list-maintenance provisions and requirements codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20507, enforceable by a private right of action provided for in Section 8 of the NVRA, and codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20510.

**A. Federal law requires that state election officials conduct reasonable list maintenance procedures to remove *ineligible* voters from the voter rolls, not just voters who have become ineligible because of death or relocation.**

Section 8, subsection (a) of the NVRA provides, in relevant part, that:

- (a) In the administration of voter registration for elections for Federal office, each State shall—
  - (1) Ensure that any *eligible* applicant is registered to vote ...
  - ...
  - (3) provide that the name of a *registrant* may not be removed from the official list of eligible voters except—
    - (A) at the request of the registrant;
    - (B) as provided by State law, by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity; or
    - (C) as provided under paragraph (4);



- (4) conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of *eligible voters* by reason of—
  - (A) the death of the registrant; or
  - (B) a change in the residence of the registrant, in accordance with subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section; ....

52 U.S.C. § 20507(a) (emphasis added). In addition, subsection (c)(2) provides:

- (A) A State shall complete, not later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election for Federal office, any program the purpose of which is to *systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters*.
- (B) Subparagraph (A) shall not be construed to preclude—
  - (i) the removal of names from official lists of voters on a basis described in paragraph (3)(A) [relating to voter requests for removal] or (B) [relating to removals for felony conviction or mental incapacity, if required by state law] or (4)(A) of subsection (a) of this section [relating to the death of the voter]; or
  - (ii) correction of registration records pursuant to this subchapter.

*Id.* § 20507(c)(2) (emphasis added).

The NVRA's list maintenance requirements were then clarified and bolstered by Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA"). 52 U.S.C. § 21083; *cf. Husted*, 138 S. Ct. at 1840 (noting, in a case dealing with another NVRA provision, that HAVA "explains the meaning" of the NVRA); *id.* at 1842 (noting that HAVA "amended" and "clarified" the NVRA by "mak[ing] explicit what was implicit" in the NVRA); *see also* Doc. 244 at 9 ("*HAVA sheds further light* on what constitutes a reasonable program to remove voters who have died or changed residence" (emphasis added)). That provision of HAVA requires each state to implement and maintain a single statewide computerized voter database "that contains the name and



registration information of every *legally registered voter* in the state,” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(1)(A) (emphasis added), and mandates that election officials, both state and local, “shall perform list maintenance with respect to the computerized list on a regular basis,” *id.* § 21083(a)(2)(A).

Removals are to be done “in accordance with the provisions of the” NVRA, which sets out some specific constraints on removals for changes of address, *id.* § 21083(a)(2)(A)(i), but the HAVA statute, like subsection (c)(2) of the NVRA, also provides for the removal of voters who are ineligible on grounds other than death or changes of address:

the “list maintenance ... shall be conducted in a manner that insures that—(i) the name of each *registered voter* appears in the computerized list; (ii) only *voters who are not registered or who are not eligible to vote are removed* from the computerized list; and (iii) *duplicate names are eliminated from the computerized list.*”

*Id.* § 21083(a)(2)(B) (emphases added). And then, confirming that the list maintenance removal obligations are not limited to voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or relocation, HAVA further provides:

The State election system shall include provisions to ensure that voter registration records in the State are accurate and are updated regularly, including the following:

- (A) A system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to *remove registrants who are ineligible to vote* from the official list of eligible voters. Under such system, consistent with the [NVRA], registrants who have not responded to a notice and who have not voted in 2 consecutive general elections for Federal office *shall be removed* from



the official list of eligible voters, except that no registrant may be removed solely by reason of a failure to vote.

52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(4) (first emphasis added). Finally, with respect to the removal of voters who have died, the states are required to “coordinate the computerized list with State agency records on death.” *Id.* § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II).

All of these provisions are designed to further the third and fourth of the purposes set out in the NVRA, namely, “to protect the integrity of the electoral process” and “to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.” *Id.* § 20501(b)(3), (4).

In sum, the NVRA, as “clarified” by HAVA, mandates list maintenance that includes the following:

1. A general program that includes a reasonable effort to remove voters who become ineligible because of death or relocation (NVRA subsection (a)(4));
2. Ensuring that voter registration lists are comprised only of “eligible” voters (NVRA section 8(a)(1); HAVA subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(B);
3. Removal of voters who are “ineligible”/“not eligible to vote” (NVRA section 8(c)(2); HAVA subsections (a)(2)(B)(ii) and (a)(4)); and



4. Elimination of duplicate registrations (HAVA subsection (a)(2)(B)(iii)).<sup>2</sup>

**B. The District Court Erroneously Held That The List-Maintenance Obligations Were Limited to Removal of Voters Who Have Become Ineligible Because of Death or Relocation.**

The district court held that “the list maintenance requirement [of the NVRA] is only as to death or change of address, nothing more.” Doc. 244 at 56 n.20; *see*

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<sup>2</sup> The NVRA also requires states to “provide that the name of a *registrant* may not be removed from the official list of eligible voters except—(A) at the request of the registrant; (B) as provided by State law, by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity; or (C) as provided under paragraph (4).” 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(3) (emphasis added). One circuit court has held that, by virtue of this provision, states are prohibited from removing (or at least not required to remove) voters who are ineligible on other grounds. *ACRU v. Philadelphia City Comm’rs*, 872 F.3d 175, 182 (3d Cir. 2017). But in each case specified (voter’s request, criminal conviction or mental incapacity, death, and relocation), the statute is addressing the removal of voters who have *become* ineligible, not voters who *never were* eligible. The word “registrant,” which by virtue of the obligation imposed in NVRA subsection (1) is defined as “eligible” voters, makes that clear. It is therefore ludicrous to read these provisions of the NVRA as prohibiting the states from removing from the voter rolls individuals who were never eligible to vote in the first place, or from excluding the removal of such ineligible voters from the state’s obligation “to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.” 52 U.S.C. 20501(b)(4); *see also* 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(B)(ii) (specifying that the 90-day-prior-to-election freeze on systematic removal programs “shall not be construed to preclude ... correction of registration records pursuant to this subchapter”). This Court has already recognized that “an interpretation of the General Removal Provision that prevents Florida from removing non-citizens would raise constitutional concerns regarding Congress’s power to determine the qualifications of eligible voters in federal elections.” *Arcia v. Fla. Sec’y of State*, 772 F.3d 1335, 1346 (11th Cir. 2014). And even if the NVRA could plausibly be so read, such a reading would be erroneous under the clarification provided by HAVA, which quite unambiguously requires the states to have “A system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote from the official list of eligible voters.” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(4).



*also id.* at 5 (“The Court’s focus, and its resulting analysis in this Opinion, center on whether Snipes . . . conducted a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove ineligible voters by reason of death or change of address”); *id.* at 34 (“The Court emphasizes that its focus remains on the list maintenance required under Section 8 of the NVRA – removal of citizens ineligible to vote by reason of death or change of address”); *id.* at 52 (“Throughout this Order, the Court has focused on the one issue properly before it: whether Snipes, as the SOE for Broward County, conducts a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from its voter rolls *by reason of (1) the registrant’s death or (2) a change in residence of the registrant.*” (emphasis in original)). The district court therefore “limit[ed] its inquiry to” what it perceived as “the two list-maintenance requirements of the NVRA,” the removal pursuant to § 8(a)(4) of voters who had become ineligible to vote by reason of death or relocation. *Id.* at 56 n.20. The court deemed irrelevant ACRU’s substantial and un rebutted evidence that Snipes did not conduct list maintenance to remove from the voter rolls individuals who were ineligible for other reasons. *See id.* at 31 (“the possibility of duplicate registrations is not material to the Court’s analysis”); *id.* at 34 (“The vast majority of Mr. Churchwell’s spreadsheets pertained to list maintenance falling outside the purview of the NVRA’s list-maintenance requirement, such as duplicate voter registrations, underage voters, and voters residing at a commercial address”); *id.* (“[T]he relevant



portions of Mr. Churchwell’s data are limited to deceased voters and those of a voting age of 105 or older to the extent those voters may be deceased”); *id.* at 35 (“Looking at Mr. Prentice’s testimony in light of the NVRA’s list-maintenance requirements, the Court concludes that the first submission—a voter’s use of a non-residential address—is not relevant. A voter’s listing of a UPS store as his or her address does not make the voter ineligible to vote *by reason of death or change of address*” (emphasis in original)); *id.* at 56 n.20 (rejecting as irrelevant ACUR’s “evidence relating to a purported lack of list-maintenance procedures for the removal of voters ineligible to vote because they are underage, not a United States citizen, failed to supply their legal residence, or are registered to vote in another state”); *id.* at 59 (“the Court limits its focus to those citizen complaints disclosing voter ineligibility by reason of change of address or death”).

In so holding, the District Court overlooked the statutory language in both NVRA subsections 8(a)(1) and (4) limiting the voter lists to “eligible” voters; the fact that subsection 8(a)(4) deals with the removal of “registrants”—that is, “eligible” voters; and the mandate in subsection 8(c)(2) that a state “shall complete, not later than 90 days [before federal elections] any program the purpose of which is to *systematically remove the names of ineligible voters* from the official lists of eligible voters.” 52 U.S.C. §§ 20507(a)(1), (4), (c)(2) (emphasis added).



More fundamentally, the district court's holding overlooks entirely the requirements of HAVA, which, as the Supreme Court has recently recognized, both clarify and bolster the list maintenance obligations mandated by the NVRA. HAVA makes explicit what was already implicit in the NVRA, namely, that in order to further the NVRA's purpose "to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained," 52 U.S.C. § 20501(b)(4), state election officials must conduct list maintenance to ensure that individuals who are not eligible to vote are not on the voter rolls. HAVA requires a "system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to *remove registrants who are ineligible to vote* from the official list of eligible voters," for example, making explicit what was already at least implicit in NVRA's section 8(c)(2) requirement that states "shall complete [90 days before federal elections] any program ... to *systematically remove the names of ineligible voters* from the official lists of eligible voters." HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(4); NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(A). Similarly, HAVA, like the NVRA, requires that state voter lists are comprised only of *eligible* voters. HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(1)(A); NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(1). But HAVA also makes explicit what was already implicit in the NVRA, namely, that state election officials must conduct list-maintenance activities reasonably designed to ensure that only eligible voters are on the rolls. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A) ("The appropriate State or local election official shall perform list maintenance with respect to the



computerized list on a regular basis”); *id.* § 21083(a)(2)(B) (“list maintenance ... shall be conducted in a manner that insures that—(i) the name of each registered voter appears in the computerized list; (ii) only voters who are not registered or who are not eligible to vote are removed from the computerized list; and (iii) duplicate names are eliminated from the computerized list”).

Because the district court erroneously interpreted the list-maintenance requirements of federal law as limited to the removal of voters who have become ineligible only by reason of death or change of address, its ruling below did not address whether Supervisor Snipe’s list-maintenance efforts with respect to other categories of ineligible voters were reasonable, or even whether they were conducted at all. At the very least, therefore, remand would be required to consider that issue. But because ACRU’s evidence that Supervisor Snipes did not conduct list maintenance to ensure that the voter rolls did not contain individuals who were ineligible to vote on several grounds other than death or relocation was un rebutted (and, indeed, admitted in many cases), *see infra*, Part I.C, a remand should not be required. As explained more fully below, the existing record conclusively demonstrates that no such list maintenance occurred. ACRU’s request for a declaratory judgment that Supervisor Snipes failed to comply with the list-maintenance obligations of federal law, and for an injunction requiring that she conduct and execute reasonable voter list maintenance programs to ensure that only



eligible voters are registered to vote in Broward County, Florida, should therefore be granted by this Court without the need for a remand.

**C. ACRU's un rebutted evidence, and Defendant's own admissions, conclusively demonstrate that Supervisor Snipes does not have proactive list-maintenance programs in place to remove from the voter rolls individuals who were ineligible to vote for reasons other than death or change of address.**

As noted above, both the NVRA and HAVA require that only "eligible" voters appear on the voter rolls. NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(1); HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(1)(A). They also require election officials to have a "program," a "system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to *remove registrants who are ineligible to vote* from the official list of eligible voters." NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(A); HAVA, 52 U.S.C. §§ 21083(a)(2)(A), 21083(a)(2)(B); 21083(a)(4).

Individuals can be "ineligible" to vote for a number of reasons. Both federal and Florida law require that one be a citizen, for example. 52 U.S.C. § 10101(a)(1); FLA. STAT. § 97.041(1)(a)(2). Non-citizens are therefore "ineligible" to register and to vote, and should not be on the voter rolls. Florida law also requires that one be at least 18 years of age and a legal resident both of the State of Florida and of the county in which the person wishes to vote. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(1)(a)(1), (3)-(4). In addition, under Florida law, anyone who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or another state or who has been



convicted of a felony, and has not had his or her right to vote restored, is ineligible to register or vote in Florida. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(2)(a)-(b). All of these eligibility requirements are covered by the mandates in the NVRA and HAVA that only “eligible” voters be on the rolls, and that “ineligible” voters be removed from the rolls.

Beyond the limited programs dealing with the removal of voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or relocation (which, as discussed in Part II below, do not themselves even meet the “reasonable effort” standard mandated by federal law), the unrefuted evidence introduced in the district court below demonstrated that Supervisor Snipes has not implemented *any* program, much less a reasonable one, to identify and remove individuals from the voter rolls who are ineligible on at least some of these other grounds.

- 1. The unrefuted evidence below demonstrates that Supervisor Snipes does nothing proactively to ensure that noncitizens are not registered or, if registered, are removed from the voter rolls.**

The most glaring example of Supervisor Snipes’s failure to make a “reasonable effort” to prevent ineligible individuals from registering to vote, or to remove them if already on the voter rolls, involves non-citizens, an issue that ought to be of particular concern in areas such as Broward County with large non-citizen populations. As reported by Data USA, the U.S. Census Bureau’s Annual Community Survey 1-year estimate indicates that, as of 2016, 13.5 percent of the



residents of Broward County are not citizens, six and a half percentage points higher (or nearly double) than the national average.<sup>3</sup> At trial, Supervisor Snipes admitted that non-citizens are registered to vote and have voted in Broward County, yet she and her Director of Voter Services, Mary Hall, also admitted that they have taken no action to prevent this or proactively attempt to remove noncitizens from the voter rolls. Doc. 232 at 91:25-92:1; 35:14-36:3.

Instead, as the district court recognized, on the front end, Supervisor Snipes passively relies on voter registration applicants checking a “citizen” box on the voter registration form without doing anything to verify that the applicant is actually a citizen. Doc. 244 at 50 (citing Doc. 232, Tr. D4/35-36). Indeed, in response to a question at trial whether her office “independently verif[ied] citizenship,” Snipes admitted not only that they did not, but that there was no system in place for [them] to verify citizenship.” Doc. 232, Tr. D4/151:11-13. Supervisor Snipes called this the “honor system.” Doc. 232, Tr. D4/151:24.

Supervisor Snipes also had no system in place on the back end to proactively identify non-citizens already registered to vote and then to remove them from the voter rolls. Rather, as the district court recognized, she merely reacts to the limited amount of information about non-citizens she receives. Doc. 244 at 50 (citing Doc. 232, Tr. D4/90-91) (“Occasionally, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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<sup>3</sup> [https://datausa.io/profile/geo/broward-county-fl/#category\\_heritage](https://datausa.io/profile/geo/broward-county-fl/#category_heritage).



sends individuals applying for citizenship to the BCSEO to obtain documentation indicating whether they have registered to vote as non-citizens.... Those non-citizens who registered to vote are then removed from the voter rolls.”); *see also* Doc 232 at 56 (testimony of Mary Hall) (“They request to be removed themselves, whether it’s —t could be a voter that comes in and say: ‘I’m no longer a citizen. I’m a non-citizen. Please remove me.’”); Doc. 232 at 104:8-10 (Snipe’s admission that they’ve had registered voters self-remove because they are not citizens). The information is so limited that in the three year period between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2016, Snipes removed only 4 registered voters who were ineligible non-citizens. Doc. 244 at 50; Doc. 217-5 at 2-13.

Neither the “honor system” on the front end, nor the reactive effort on the back end to remove the few non-citizens brought to her attention, qualifies as a program of list maintenance designed to protect the integrity of the electoral process and to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained, as the NVRA and HAVA require.

It is not as though the tools to implement such a system do not exist. As ACRU’s expert noted, two such tools are readily available. First, Florida has had access to the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (“SAVE”) program since 2012, which allows authorized users to determine the citizenship of legal and formerly-legal residents. Snipes and her staff admitted that they do not use



the SAVE program or request any other type of information from the Department of Homeland Security regarding ineligible noncitizen registrants. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 70 (citing Def. Resp. to Request for Admission No. 4; Def. Resp. to Production Request No. 6); Doc. 232 at 35:14-36:3.<sup>4</sup>

Second, Florida's own Department of Motor Vehicles verifies the citizenship status of all non-citizen driver's license applicants. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 72 (citing Florida Department of Motor Vehicles, Florida DMV Online Guide, available at <http://www.dmvflorida.org/drivers-license-nc.shtml>). But here again, Snipes's Director of Voter Services, Mary Hall, admitted at trial that unless the voter actually checked the "not a citizen" box on the DMV voter registration form, they are sent a new voter application. Doc. 232 at 35:21-36:3. No effort is made to tap in to the citizenship verification process that the DMV already undertakes.

None of this uncontroverted evidence was credited by the district court, however, because of its erroneous view that the NVRA and HAVA do not require list maintenance to remove ineligible non-citizens from the rolls. Doc. 244 at 7 ("while the NVRA undoubtedly permits states to remove any non-citizen who

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<sup>4</sup> SEIU's own expert did not dispute the availability of the SAVE program, but rather cautioned that its use might lead to "false positives." But Plaintiff is not suggesting that the SAVE program be used to automatically bar acceptance of a voter registration application, or to automatically cancel voters already on the voter rules. Rather, it should be used to identify those who are potentially non-citizens and therefore ineligible to vote, triggering further investigation as necessary.



somehow becomes registered to vote when such individuals come to the state's attention, it does not require a generalized program that attempts to identify such voters" (citing *ACRU*, 872 F.3d at 182; *Arcia v. Detzner*, 772 F.3d 1335, 1346-47 (11th Cir. 2014))).

**2. The unrefuted evidence below demonstrates that Supervisor Snipes does nothing proactively to ensure that Broward County voters who register in other states are removed from the voter rolls.**

The next most glaring example of Supervisor Snipes's failure to remove ineligible voters from the voter rolls involves people who are registered in multiple jurisdictions. Voters who register in another state are ineligible to remain registered to vote in Broward County.<sup>5</sup> Although Mary Hall testified at trial that they obtain duplicate registration information from the state department of elections and process those by merging the duplicates together, Doc. 232 at 66:18-67:25, she admitted that they do not have "any kind of process to ascertain whether or not there are duplicate registrations between Florida and other states," *id.* at 34:25-35:2.

Supervisor Snipes admitted that she was aware of many duplicate registrations between Florida and New York, Doc. 217-10 ¶ 59 (citing Snipes Deposition Exh. 7; Plaintiff's Production ACRU00165-00166, 00183, 00185.). ACRU's expert noted

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<sup>5</sup> The district court claimed that, at trial, Plaintiff's witnesses "recognized that there is no prohibition in Florida to be registered in two states at one time." Doc. 244 at 31 (citing Doc. 230 at 141-142, 183). But Mr. Wolak made no such statement, and Mr. Skinner actually stated the opposite, namely, that being registered in two states at one time "can be fine in some states, but not Florida." Doc. 230 at 183:9.



How that the information necessary to compare duplicate registrations across jurisdictions is easily obtained, and that doing so is expressly authorized by Florida law. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 61 (citing FLA. STAT. 98.045(2)(b)). But despite that, and despite her knowledge of the significant problem between dual registrations in New York and Florida, Supervisor Snipes does not seek information regarding potential duplicate registrations in Broward County and other states. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 59 (citing Hall Deposition 54:11-22).

ACRU's expert concluded that obtaining the New York voter registration database and comparing it to the Broward County database is a reasonable step that will reduce the bloated registration rolls and address a known problem. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 61. On that point, Defendants offered no rebuttal expert.

The problem here is even worse than failure to have a *proactive* program of list maintenance to identify and remove voters who have become ineligible by virtue of registering to vote in another state, however. Two of Plaintiff's witnesses, Mr. William Skinner and Mr. Kirk Wolak, obtained information on dual New York and Broward County voters themselves. They compared the voter rolls from Broward County with those of New York. Doc. 230 at 167:12-16; 169:7-10. They catalogued duplicates between the lists based on exact matching first name, middle initial or name, last name, and data of birth, totaling 7,635 matches. Doc. 230 at 164:4-9. Mr. Skinner sent this information to Supervisor Snipes in August 2016 under FLA. STAT.



§ 98.075(6). Doc. 230 at 168:6-10; Doc. 217-1; Doc. 217-2. He received no response until February 2017, after this lawsuit had commenced. Doc. 230 at 170:11-15. There is no evidence in the record regarding any action taken by Supervisor Snipes regarding Mr. Skinner's submission, and the district court itself "recognize[d] that Snipes failed to adequately respond to information of potential duplicate voters provided by Mr. Skinner." Doc. 244 at 31. So, apparently, not only does Supervisor Snipes not have a *proactive* program of list maintenance to **remove** voters who are ineligible because they are also registered to vote in other states, she **does not even reactively correct her voter rolls once such information is brought to her attention.**

And yet again, the district court did not credit this significant and uncontested evidence because, in its view, Section 8 of the NVRA does not require Snipes to review duplicate data in or out of the state. *Id.* at 38. "[T]he possibility of duplicate registration is not material to the Court's analysis," it held. *Id.* at 31.

**3. Snipes acknowledged at trial that voters registered at a commercial address remain on the voter rolls.**

Florida law requires that one be a legal resident both of Florida and of the county in order to register to vote in that county. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(1)(a)(3)-(4). Florida law also provides for a uniform voter registration application, which must elicit from the applicant the address of legal residence, among other things. FLA. STAT. § 97.052(2)(c). That statute also provides that "If a voter registration applicant



fails to provide any of the required information on the voter registration application form, the supervisor *shall notify* the applicant of the failure by mail within 5 business days after the supervisor has the information available in the voter registration system,” and that the applicant is not eligible to vote in the next election if the required information is not provided before the close of registration for that election. *Id.* § 97.052(6). In addition, Florida law provides that “No person shall be permitted to vote in any election precinct or district other than the one in which he has his permanent place of residence and in which he is registered.” *Id.* § 101.045(1).

Supervisor Snipes acknowledged as much during her trial testimony. Doc. 232 at 171:8-10. But when provided information in December 2013 that more than 1,200 voters in the county were registered at commercial UPS stores rather than residential addresses, Supervisor Snipes did not respond for months (FLA. STAT. § 98.075(7) requires that a notice be sent to such voters within 7 days), and then merely transferred the address on most (if not all) of the invalid registrations to the address of the Supervisor’s office. Doc. 231 at 153-154.

Florida law does provide an exception to the “residence address” requirement for voters “temporarily residing outside the county;” such voters “shall be registered in the precinct in which the main office of the supervisor ... is located when the person has no permanent address in the county and it is the person’s intention to remain a resident of Florida and of the county in which he or she is registered to



vote.” FLA. STAT. § 101.045(1). But that exception applies to people “temporarily residing outside the county,” and then only if they have an intention to remain a county resident. *Id.* It does not apply to the homeless living in the county, for example. *See, e.g.*, Registering the Homeless, Division of Elections DE 89-04 (June 1, 1989) (instructing that the homeless should be registered at a place where they receive mail and “is not to be registered routinely in the courthouse precinct”).

Snipes admitted that she did not know if there were homeless people in that group, and that she didn’t know a lot about the people in the group. Doc. 232 at 159:17-20. In other words, she did not know whether they qualified to be registered using the election office address. But, contrary to Florida law, she nevertheless moved 1,100 of them “to the Z73 precinct, which is located at” the election office. Doc. 232 at 159:17-20; Doc. 231 at 154:23. Far from ensuring that only “eligible” voters were on the voter rolls, Supervisor Snipes’s actions, in this instance at least, all but guaranteed that ineligible voters remained on the rolls.

**4. Supervisor Snipes has also admitted that she does not request information regarding whether voters registered in her county have become ineligible due to a federal felony conviction.**

Florida law makes felons ineligible to vote, unless and until their civil rights are restored. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(2)(b). Plaintiff’s expert acknowledged that Broward County receives information about felon status from the Florida Division of Elections, and further, that the generally consistent pattern of felon removals does



not, in his opinion, give rise to list-maintenance concerns, provided that the information being transmitted from the state includes those convicted of felonies in *federal court*, not just in state courts. Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 62-64; *see also* Doc. 232 at 123:3-11 (Snipes's acknowledgment that her office receives information on felons from the State). But because Supervisor Snipes admittedly "does not request or directly receive any information or communications from the U.S. Attorney or federal courts regarding felony convictions," she should either confirm that the state Department of Elections obtains and forwards that information, or seek it herself, in order to be taking "reasonable steps" for list maintenance. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 63 (citing Def. Resp. to Production Request No. 4).<sup>6</sup>

In sum, there is a great deal of uncontested evidence demonstrating that Supervisor Snipes does not have a program in place to ensure that only eligible voters are being added to the voter rolls, or that ineligible voters are removed from the rolls, on several grounds of voter ineligibility other than death or relocation. Judgment should have been entered for the Plaintiff.

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<sup>6</sup> The same is true with respect to those who have been "adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting," unless and until voting rights are restored. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(2)(a). The State collects that information and regularly forwards it to the counties. Doc. 244 at 50 (citing Doc. 232 at 190, 192). But because that ineligibility applies to those adjudicated as mentally incompetent in Florida "or any other state," FLA. STAT. § 97.041(2)(a), the process would only constitute a reasonable effort at list maintenance if the state was obtaining mental incapacity information from other states.



**II. EVEN WITH RESPECT TO VOTERS WHO HAVE BECOME INELIGIBLE BY REASON OF DEATH OR RELOCATION, SUPERVISOR SNIPES'S LIST MAINTENANCE EFFORTS DO NOT MEET THE STANDARD OF REASONABLENESS MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW.**

Even if one accepts the district court's overly narrow interpretation of the NVRA's list maintenance requirements as limited only to voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or change of address, Supervisor Snipe's efforts with respect to those categories of ineligible voters do not rise to the level of "reasonable," as the NVRA requires. The district court's conclusion to the contrary is wrong as a matter of law.

**A. The NVRA's mandate for a "reasonable" list maintenance effort incorporates a professional reasonableness standard.**

The NVRA explicitly requires election officials to "conduct a general program that makes a *reasonable effort* to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters by reason of" death and change of address. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4) (emphasis added). ACRU contended below that, by use of the phrase "reasonable effort," the NVRA incorporates a professional reasonableness standard. The district court erroneously rejected that reading of the NVRA's requirement.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> The district court also erroneously viewed ACRU's proffered interpretation of the NVRA standard as requiring a "jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction" standard of care. Doc. 244 at 53. Yet a professional reasonable standard of care does not amount to a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction standard of care; it merely requires the same professional standard of care be applied to whatever circumstances prevail in each jurisdiction.



Courts routinely interpret and apply statutes imposing a “reasonable” care or effort mandate on government officials and others as providing for a professional standard of care. The district court was therefore not operating in a vacuum when determining what a “reasonable effort” means for purposes of an adequate list maintenance program. As the trial court’s sister district court in the Northern District of Florida has recognized in another context, for example, “[t]he term ‘reasonable’ connotes an objective standard, a standard with which physicians, agencies regulating physicians, and courts are well acquainted.” *Womancare of Orlando, Inc. v. Agwunobi*, 448 F. Supp. 2d 1293, 1308 (N.D. Fla. 2005). Although the question is one of first impression for purposes of the NVRA, there is also established analogous Eleventh Circuit precedent that is instructive.

When faced with statutes directing that government officials perform their duties “reasonably,” this Court has read such a standard to be that of “prevailing professional norms.” *Newland v. Hall*, 527 F.3d 1162, 1184 (11th Cir. 2008) (construing *Strickland v. Washington*, 266 U.S. 66, 688 (1984)). In *Newland*, this Court considered an application for writ of habeas corpus based on ineffective assistance of counsel under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d). *Id.* To render habeas appropriate, federal law prescribes an inquiry into the reasonableness of counsel’s actions. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1)-(2). Either the case must involve “unreasonable application[] of clearly established Federal law,” or result in a decision based on “an unreasonable



determination.” *Id.* In following the Supreme Court’s decision in *Strickland*, this Court held that determining whether attorneys provided ineffective assistance under the statute are to be judged by the “prevailing professional norms,” that is, the standard of care a reasonable professional would take at the time of the trial. *Newland*, 527 F.3d at 1201. This standard uses the judgment of peers rather than of lay persons. *Id.* at 1187 (“The ... standard is an objective [one].... [W]e consider what a reasonable attorney would have likely done under the circumstances ....”). In the same way, the reasonableness directive in Section 8 of the NVRA implicates the same concerns the Supreme Court and this Circuit resolved in *Strickland* and *Newland*: judging the sufficiency of administration procedures and the actions of government officials based on reasonableness necessitates an objective professional standard.

If Congress had intended to create a “fire-and-forget” single method that would fulfill all list maintenance obligations, then it would not have required a “reasonable effort.” Congress had a decision to make. The goal was to ensure accurate and current lists. It could have employed a strict liability standard, whereby election officials could be found in violation of the NVRA if any inaccuracy or lapse in currency were found in a list. But it did not. Alternatively, Congress could have set out specific minimal activities, as Florida does in its list maintenance statute (as found in FLA. STAT. §§ 98.065, 98.075). But it did not do that either. Instead,



Congress expressly mandated a reasonableness standard. The district court's standard reads out Congress's express instructions.

In other contexts, Congress has used a "reasonable effort" standard as opposed to a specific activity or quantity standard. For example, in 1991 the standard for public liability due to exposure to nuclear radiation in the Price-Anderson Act was switched from a "reasonable effort" standard to a dose limit standard. *See Finestone v. Fla Power & Light Co.*, 272 F. App'x 761, 765 (11th Cir. 2008). Under the "reasonable effort" standard, the testimony of relevant experts in the field would have been required to show liability. *See id.* at 766.

Section 20507 of the NVRA, which adopts a reasonableness standard, thus creates a minimum objective standard for voter list maintenance. While the particular means and tools that each state may adopt to achieve the objective of accurate and current rolls may vary, the statute imposes an obligation that applies equally to all election officials in the state subject to the NVRA. *See United States v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 851 (8th Cir. 2008). A local election official in Colorado, for example, is subject to the same obligation to reasonably maintain clean voter rolls as Supervisor Snipes is in her county. And both can be challenged in federal court for failure to comply with the same standard to reasonably maintain the voter rolls.



In order to determine whether an election official has violated the duty of care regarding list maintenance, a court must weigh the state of the rolls against the efforts being made to maintain them. Whether the effort is reasonable depends upon the risk that ineligible voters are present in the voter rolls and the availability and costs of means to remedy the harm. Liability for failure to exercise care depends upon whether the burden of prevention and cure is less than the probability of harm from leaving the rolls as they are. *See Braun v. Soldier of Fortune Magazine, Inc.*, 968 F.2d 1110, 1115 (11th Cir. 1992).

Here, a determination of the reasonableness of professional election administration duties should be determined through the use of expert witnesses in the professional field. *Ins. Co. of the West v. Island Dream Homes, Inc.*, 679 F.3d 1295, 1298 (11th Cir. 2012) (“Expert testimony is required to define the standard of care when the subject matter is beyond the understanding of the average juror”). That standard of care amounts to how reasonable professionals in the field would carry out their duties under similar circumstances. *Id.* In complex professional fields such as election administration, the opinions of experienced experts in the field are probative in determining liability. *Id.* The chief election officer of a state under the NVRA is ideally suited to serve as an expert in election administration. *See Cobb v. State Canvassing Bd.*, 2006 NMSC 34, ¶ 44, 140 N.M. 77, 140 P.3d 498, 511 (N.M. 2006) (holding “the Secretary of State is an expert in the area of voting or elections”).



ACRU introduced the opinion of an expert in the field of election administration, who concluded that Supervisor Snipes's list-maintenance efforts were not reasonable when compared to the standard of professional care mandated by the NVRA. Neither Supervisor Snipes nor SEIU provided an expert in the relevant professional field offering an opinion to the contrary. See Doc. No. 244 at 44-52; *Island Dream Homes*, 679 F.3d 1295 at 1298 (finding that the relevant standard of care must be determined through the use of expert witnesses in the professional field). Instead, SEIU's expert was put forward as an expert on political science and elections at the state and local level, but without any professional election administration expertise. Doc. 182 at 33 n.16; Doc. 233 at 104, 172-74.

The district court, however, disregarded the professional opinion of Mr. Gessler, despite being presented with no countervailing professional opinion to adopt. The district court did not review and weigh evidence from competing experts. See *Peek-a-Boo Lounge of Bradenton, Inc. v. Manatee Cty.*, 337 F.3d 1251, 1272 (11th Cir. 2003) ("We are not dealing, therefore, with a case involving a battle of competing experts"). Instead, the district court substituted its own judgment regarding what the standard should be for list maintenance by election administration professionals. But, according to the only evidence of the applicable standard of care, Supervisor Snipes has not conducted a reasonable program of list maintenance as would a reasonable election administration official when faced with



the same condition of the voter rolls and with the same mandatory and available tools under state law. Doc. 217-10. The opinions of ACRU's expert therefore constitute unrefuted evidence regarding the prevailing professional norms under the NVRA regarding list maintenance practices and should have been accepted as such. For example, Mr. Gessler opined that a high registration rate is considered a red flag according to professional norms and that registration rates should be monitored. Doc. 229 at 135:16-138:10, 139:1-11; Doc. 217-10 ¶ 43. Accordingly, a reasonable election administrator should be monitoring registration rates regardless of whether the rate is in fact high.

**B. Even if “reasonable efforts” under the NVRA can be defined by minimum requirements set out in state law, Snipe failed to comply with several list maintenance obligations imposed by Florida law.**

Instead of adopting an objective professional standard for the “reasonable effort” mandate of the NVRA, the district court held that the “reasonable effort” requirement was satisfied if the list-maintenance program:

- (1) complies with all mandatory list-maintenance tools established by the governing state to remove the names of ineligible voters by reason of death or change in residence;
- (2) Uses NCOA information supplied by the USPS, or similarly reliable information garnered from other sources, such as mass mailings or targeted



mailings, to identify registrants whose addresses have changed to update its voter rolls; and

- (3) Uses information from the state health department or other similarly reliable sources to identify voters who have recently died to update its voter rolls and remove deceased individuals from the rolls.

The district court then found that Supervisor Snipes met all three requirements, and therefore complied with the “reasonable effort” mandate of federal law.

The district court’s conclusion here is faulty as a matter of law for three significant reasons. First, it relies on the odd notion that a state statute can alter the meaning of a mandate imposed by federal law. It cannot. See U.S. CONST. art. VI, cl. 2. Second, it continues to treat the list-maintenance mandate imposed by federal law as limited to removals of voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or change of address, thereby excluding from its reasonable list-maintenance analysis Snipes’s admitted failure to comply with numerous list-maintenance procedures mandated by Florida law (which would, of course, be highly relevant if, as the district court held, state law determined the standard for reasonable list maintenance required by federal law). And third, it erroneously infers the word “only” into HAVA’s mandate that election officials “coordinate the computerized



list with State agency records on death,” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II), thereby creating a safe harbor as a matter of law where one does not exist.

**1. State law cannot reduce a mandate imposed by federal law.**

The Supremacy Clause of the Constitution makes clear that federal laws made in pursuance of the Constitution are the supreme law of the land. U.S. CONST. art. VI, cl. 2; *Cliff v. Payco Gen. Am. Credits, Inc.*, 363 F.3d 1113, 1121-22 (11th Cir. 2004). Both the NVRA and HAVA were enacted pursuant to Congress’s clear authority under the Elections Clause to regulate the “Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections” for federal officers. U.S. CONST. art. I, § 4, cl. 1. While the States are free to impose additional list-maintenance requirements on themselves, they cannot create safe harbors in state law that lessen the obligations imposed by a valid federal law. What constitutes “reasonable efforts” at list maintenance to ensure that only eligible voters are on the voter rolls and able to vote in federal elections is therefore a question of federal law, not state law. The district court’s holding to the contrary—that the “reasonable effort” requirement in both the NVRA and HAVA was satisfied if, *inter alia*, the list-maintenance program “complies with all mandatory list-maintenance tools established by the governing state to remove the names of ineligible voters by reason of death or change in residence,” Doc. 244 at 13—subordinates federal law to state law on a matter constitutionally delegated to Congress. That has it precisely backwards. See *Taylor v. General Motors Corp.*,



875 F.2d 816, 822 (11th Cir. 1989). Under the Elections Clause, States are free to enact election laws, but when Congress chooses to enact a statute regarding the time, place, or manner of elections, state laws become subordinate to the federal law. *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Ariz., Inc.*, 570 U.S. 1, 8-9 (2013). The district court's holding to the contrary is therefore clearly wrong as a matter of law.

**2. Supervisor Snipes failed to comply even with the mandates of Florida law, including the mandates related to death and change of address.**

Even if state law (rather than a professional standard of care) could set the meaning of the “reasonable effort” required by federal law, Supervisor Snipes should still be found in violation of the NVRA because she was admittedly and irrefutably not in compliance with the minimum list maintenance procedures required under Florida law.

Florida law contains a statutory system of list maintenance, which serves to implement the list maintenance requirements of the NVRA and to attempt to achieve the goals of the NVRA. FLA. STAT. tit. IX, ch. 98. As recognized by the district court and as admitted by the Defendant, Supervisor Snipes fails to comply with many of the list maintenance mandates contained in Florida law, including:

- FLA. STAT. § 98.065(6), which requires each county supervisor of elections to “certify to the department” of state “no later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, ... the list maintenance activities conducted during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year, respectively, including



- the number of address confirmation requests sent, the number of voters designated as inactive, and the number of voters removed from the statewide voter registration system.” Each year since 2009 Supervisor Snipes filed certifications indicating the requisite statistics on number of mailings, but which failed to indicate which (if any) list maintenance activities had been conducted. Moreover, the certification amendments were inaccurate and inconsistent with her records. Doc. 244 at 21; Doc. 217-6; Doc. 217-13; Doc. 233 at 82-83. As a result, the *amended* certifications on file with the state are inaccurate, as County director who prepared them conceded at trial. Doc. 233 at 73-82. Gessler testified that such reporting requirements are essential in order for a State to conduct a reasonable list maintenance program. Doc. 229 at 15-25.
- FLA. STAT. § 98.075(6), which specifies that, upon receipt of information about a voter’s ineligibility from outside sources, a county election supervisor “*must* adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (7)” regarding notices to be sent to voters. (emphasis added). Snipes received information regarding registrant’s ineligibility, but the uncontroverted record shows she did not follow the procedure outlined in FLA. STAT. § 98.075(6)-(7). Doc. 230 at 170:8-171:21; Doc. 231 at 107:12-20; 108:17-109:7; 112:20-24; 151:1-4; 153:24-154:7. In fact, Snipes



maintains that she has no obligation to follow the notice requirement of § 98.075(7), instead claiming that “it’s the Supervisor’s latitude of options available” and that they “research [the information] first before [they] take any action.” Doc. 232 at 154:2-5, 17-18.

- Although Florida Division of Elections regulations require removing inactive registrations in December of even numbered election years, Doc. 217-4 at 26, Snipes did not follow these directives after the 2010 and 2014 elections, Doc. 217-5 at 11, 24.

Thus, even if the list-maintenance obligations of the NVRA and the HAVA could be defined by compliance with requirements set out in state law rather than the professional reasonableness standard set out in federal law, Snipes’s violations of these mandatory procedures in Florida’s list maintenance program would violate her NVRA obligations.

The district court discounted all of these failures to comply with the list-maintenance mandates of state law as irrelevant, considering instead only the state law mandates related to the removal of voters who had become ineligible by reason of death or relocation. Doc. 244 at 27. But even with respect to death and relocation list maintenance, Supervisor Snipes failed to comply with the mandates of state law, and the district court’s legal conclusions to the contrary are based on a misunderstanding of key terminology by Snipes and her witnesses.



The district court held that Snipes complies with two of the list maintenance requirements contained in Florida law: mailings based on change of address information supplied through the National Change of Address system maintained by the United States Postal Service as described at FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(a) and mass nonforwardable mailings under (2)(b). Doc. 244 at 46. And the district court concluded that doing these mailings is sufficient to establish compliance with the list maintenance obligations of the NVRA. *Id.* at 56-57. Even if that were the standard for compliance under the NVRA, the district court's finding that Snipes does mass nonforwardable mailings was incorrect as a matter of law, and its legal conclusion that merely utilizing the NCOA process is alone sufficient list-maintenance to comply with NVRA's "reasonable efforts" mandate, no matter how incomplete the data is or how inaccurate the voter lists remain after that process, creates a stronger NCOA safe harbor that the district court itself previously recognized.

**a. *Biennial Mailings: Mass Mailings***

The district court wrongly held that Snipes's mass mailings for list maintenance purposes comply with FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(c). Under that statute, a supervisor of elections can use "change-of-address information identified from returned *nonforwardable* return-if-undeliverable mail sent to all registered voters in the county." *Id.* § 98.065(2)(b) (emphasis added). The evidence in the record conclusively shows that Snipes has never done such a mailing. The district court



completely ignores the requirements set out in the text of the subsection and ignores the plain facts in evidence.

None of the larger mailings shown in the invoices and export files from Commercial Printers were for *nonforwardable* mailings. Doc. 233 at 80:5-10; 81:15-82:4; Doc. 217-13. Instead, these were sent “via *forwardable* first-class mail.” Doc. 244 at 47 (emphasis added). The 2013 and 2016 mailings were clearly marked “Forwarding Service Requested.” Doc. 217-13. By default, a first-class piece of mail is forwardable unless it is marked “Return Service Requested.” USPS DOMESTIC MAIL MANUAL 507.1.4.1; 507.1.5.1 (“No Endorsement - –n all cases: Same treatment as ‘Forwarding Service Requested.’”); 507.2.3.3.

Moreover, the original certifications reported that Snipes has never utilized mass nonforwardable mailings. Doc. 217-5. When the BCSOE amended the original certifications during this litigation, she added checkboxes claiming to have done six mass nonforwardable mailings under 98.065(2)(b). Doc. 217-6. But the unrefuted record shows that these mailings never happened and that the amendments are inaccurate. Doc. 233 at 73:24-82:4. At trial, the IT Director testified that he amended the certifications to add the mass nonforwardable mailings *without* examining any invoices or records to confirm that the mailings had even been done. *Id.* at 32:19-33:4, 79:3-5; 85:1-3. Rather, he simply added the mass-mailing claims to the certifications because he was instructed to. *Id.* When presented with copies



of the actual mailings and the invoices for those large mailings at trial, he conceded that they did not qualify as mass-mailings under 98.065(2)(b) and that, therefore, the boxes should not have been checked after all in the amended certifications. Doc. 233 at 77-82.

**b. *Biennial Mailings: Targeted Mailings***

The third type of mailing prescribed in FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(c) involves mailings of nonforwardable targeted address confirmation requests to registered voters who have not voted or requested an update to their records within the last two years. When a supervisor elects to use the targeted mailing procedure, they must send an address confirmation request to all registered voters who meet the above criteria. An address confirmation request is a state prescribed form. *Id.* § 98.0655(1). According to the statute, a targeted mailing is the only prescribed use for the address confirmation request form. The number of address confirmation requests sent out under targeted mailings is supposed to be recorded on the certifications of list maintenance.

The district court was correct in concluding that the BCSOE does not do adequate targeted mailings as defined under FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(b). Doc. 244 at 21. Snipes follows no formal procedure for conducting targeted mailings. The IT Director, who is responsible to putting together mailing files that are sent to Snipes vendor for printing, could provide no details regarding how he determines the scope



of the targeted mailings Snipes claims to perform. Doc. 233 at 12:16-21. No such procedure exists in the manual for the VR software program either, which bolsters the conclusion that Snipes lacks adequate written list maintenance procedures.

As correctly noted by the district court, the number of address confirmation requests sent out by the BCSOE as reported on the certifications of list maintenance are too small to possibly include every registrant who has not voted in the prior two-year period. According to the certifications and the mailing files sent to the printer, over an 8-year period, only 17,265 registrants did not vote for 2 years and also did not update their registrations. Doc. 217-6. Over each general election period that is roughly 4,000 registrations per two-year period.

That means all other registered voters, averaging 1.1-1.3 million, either voted every two-year period or, if they did not, contacted the office and updated their address. According to statistics published on Snipes's website, the 2010 general election had a turn out rate of 40.99% of 1,041,761 active registrations (not including inactive registrations), meaning that approximately 614,700 registrants did not vote in 2010. Doc. 217-12. The 2012 general election saw approximately 378,000 active registrants not vote. *Id.* The 2014 general election saw approximately 592,400 active registrants not voting. *Id.* Yet, despite hundreds of thousands of non-voters, only roughly 4,000 targeted mailings were sent out per two-year period. ACRU's expert opined that, in his experience as an election administration professional, this



is an impossibly small number. Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 32-41. Furthermore, the record shows that only about 150,000 registrants updated their addresses during the relevant time periods. Doc. 233 at 145:5-6.

Yet Snipes amended her certifications of list maintenance to the state claiming that her office performed targeted mailings in 11 time periods since 2009. Doc. 217-5; Doc. 217-6. As shown by the evidence and the findings of the district court, these certifications of targeted mailings are not supported by Snipes's records and are, therefore, misrepresentations of the office's list maintenance activities in violation of FLA. STAT. § 98.065(6). In some instances, the certifications themselves are self-contradictory, in that Snipes claims to have done targeted mailings for a time-period, but the record shows no address confirmation requests were sent out at all. Doc. 233 at 74:17-18.

The district court was wrong to ignore these serious and evident violations of Florida's list maintenance program. Instead, the district court should have concluded that Snipes's failure to submit accurate certifications puts Snipes in violation of her duties under the NVRA.

***c. The NCOA processing***

Finally, although there was some conflicting evidence and failure to produce evidentiary problems regarding whether Supervisor Snipes utilized the NCOA



address correction process,<sup>8</sup> the principal problem with the NCOA issue is a legal one, namely, whether Snipes's utilization of *only* the NCOA process constitutes a safe harbor under 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(1), even in the face of extensive evidence showing that the NCOA process significantly undercaptures voters who have moved. Contrary to its earlier rulings denying Snipes's motion to dismiss and then her motion for summary judgment, the district court concluded "that compliance with this safe-harbor provision satisfies Section 8(a)(4)'s list maintenance requirement for address changes." Doc. 244 at 55. Those earlier rulings were correct. In denying the motion to dismiss, the district court noted its agreement with reasoning from the Sixth Circuit in *A. Philip Randolph Inst. v. Husted*, 838 F.3d 699 (6th Cir. 2016), *overruled on other grounds*, 138 S. Ct. 1833 (2018), namely, that "full compliance with subsection (c)(1) would *comply* with the NVRA's mandates and accompanying constraints," but dismissal was not appropriate because whether Snipes' had complied with all the constraints imposed by that subsection was a "fact-based argument." Then, even once the facts were developed, the district court denied

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<sup>8</sup> In her responses to interrogatories and requests for admission, Snipes stated that her office did not use NCOA data for list maintenance, Doc. 217-7 at 8, but after she later intimated that they did, ACRU moved to compel production of all records and data received from the vendor in the supposed NCOA process. Doc. 111 at 4. That motion was granted, Doc. 126 at 6-7, yet Snipes produced no records or data of information received from their commercial vendor. Doc. 233 at 86:16-19, 88:6-9. The district court nevertheless found that Snipes' utilized the NCOA process for address correction list-maintenance. Doc. 244 at 46-47.



Snipes' motion for summary judgment, stating: "the Court does not take the view that, as a matter of law, full compliance with the safe-harbor provision necessarily absolves an election official of any liability under subsection (a)(4) of Section 8." Doc. 182 at 31-32. Again relying on the Sixth Circuit's *Husted* decision, the district court agreed that though the safe-harbor provision was "an example of a procedure that *complies* with the NVRA," it was not "an example of a procedure that *satisfies* all of an election official's duties under subsection (a)(4)." *Id.* at 31-32 (emphasis added). The district court then *held* "that although an election official's particular NCOA process for identifying and removing voters who have changed their residence is 'permissible under the NVRA' if it mirrors the safe-harbor provision outlined in subsection (c)(1) of Section 8, such a process does not necessarily demonstrate full satisfaction of all the duties owed by that election official under subsection (a)(4)." *Id.*

The Sixth Circuit's decision in *Husted* has subsequently been overruled by the Supreme Court, of course, but on other grounds. Indeed, when discussing the so-called safe harbor provision of Section 20507(c)(1), the Supreme Court treated it, much like the Sixth Circuit did, as but one permissible trigger that may be used to start a return card removal procedure. *Husted*, 138 S. Ct. at 1839. It also recognized that the NCOA process alone was an inadequate means for capturing voter change of address issues, "because according to the Postal Service '[a]s many as 40 percent



of people who move do not inform the Postal Service.”” *Id.* at 1840. The subsection therefore does not function as a ceiling for permissible change-of-address removal programs. And, by logical extension, Section 20507(c)(1) cannot possibly serve as a floor for satisfactory list maintenance under the affirmative list maintenance duties imposed by Section 8, which is exactly what the district court has done here.

This second point must be true for several reasons. As explained in *Husted*, the subsection addresses the confines of *permissible* list maintenance programs. Thus, it has nothing to do with the scope of what an election official *must* do to conduct reasonable list maintenance. Furthermore, as the district court itself recognized, Doc. 244 at 54, the NCOA example subsection could only conceivably deal with inaccuracies resulting from changes of address and would not take care of inaccuracies from a host of other causes, most obviously such as by reason of death. Yet the text and context of the rest of § 20507(a), especially in light of the main purposes of the statute and the HAVA, make clear that the statute contemplates more than just list maintenance regarding changes of address only.

**C. Cross-checking state agency death records is not a safe harbor for a “reasonable effort” to remove voters who have died, particularly in areas such as Broward County with significant numbers of registered voters who die in other states.**

Finally, with respect to deceased voters, the district court treated language in the HAVA statute requiring election officials to “coordinate the computerized [voter] list with State agency records on death,” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II),



as though it were a safe harbor constituting reasonable list maintenance if *only* that were done. Doc. 244 at 9 (“Neither the NVRA nor HAVA requires other death records to be made available to election officials.”). The district court’s holding on that score is wrong as a matter of law, and the legal error is particularly germane in a county such as Broward County, which has a significant number of registered voters who die out of state. Those deaths are admittedly not identified by a process that coordinates only with “State agency records on death.”<sup>9</sup>

Because of that, ACRU’s expert opined that for Supervisor Snipes’s list-maintenance activities with respect to deceased voters to be reasonable (and therefore in compliance with the NVRA mandate), Snipes should use the U.S. Social

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<sup>9</sup> The district court claimed that “other states—including Florida—*may and do* consider death information from other sources such as Social Security Administration records or vital statistics records from other states.” Doc. 244 at 9-10 (emphasis added). But the Florida statute it cited merely requires the Department of Elections to “identify those registered voters who are deceased by comparing information received from *either*: a. The Department of Health as provided in s. 98.093; *or* b. The United States Social Security Administration, including, but not limited to, any master death file or index compiled by the United States Social Security Administration.” FLA. STAT. § 98.075 (emphasis added). That provision does not require Florida to use the SSDI, or in any way indicate that Florida *does* use it. Supervisor Snipes admitted at trial that she does not use it, and that she did not know whether or not the State did. Doc. 232 D4/88:15-20; 89:11-21; 99:5-8. But the record does reflect that Broward County does receive calls from relatives of voters who died in other states, triggering a notice and removal process because a significant number of such voters were still on the voter rolls, thereby indicating that the State records do not include out-of-state deaths. Doc. 232 168:17-22; Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 82-83 (citing Snipes Deposition, 47:18-48:9; Plaintiff’s Discovery Production ACRU00207).



Security Administration's Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and the State and Territorial Exchange of Vital Events (STEVE) program, both of which contain notices of deaths both in Florida and outside the state. Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 81-84 (citing Snipes Deposition, 47:10-48:9 and 61:7-14; Plaintiff's Discovery Production ACRU00207; Def. Resp. to Interrogatory No. 5; Hall Deposition 49:19-50:5).

As noted above, the district court did not consider Snipes's failure to use out-of-state death indexes because of its erroneous holding that "Neither the NVRA nor HAVA requires other death records [than the state's own death records] to be made available to election officials." Doc. 244 at 9. But Supervisor Snipes's admission that she does not use those readily available tools conclusively demonstrates that she has failed to "conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters by reason of— (A) the death of the registrant," as the NVRA requires. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4)(A).



## CONCLUSION

Broward County has failed to carry out its obligations under the National Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act to make reasonable efforts to maintain clean voter rolls. This Court should therefore reverse the judgment of the Southern District of Florida.

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largely the



result of a one-time export surge fueled by firms eager to offload inventory before looming tariffs come into effect and foreign buyers equally happy to avert paying higher taxes on their purchases.”

- Jack Crowe, [National Review](#), July 27, 2018

## TENNESSEE PRIMARY PREVIEWS

### Three-way battle for governor in Tennessee

Rep. Diane Black (R) and businessmen Randy Boyd (R) and Bill Lee (R) are locked in a three-way battle for the [Tennessee Republican gubernatorial nomination](#). They have traded the lead in recent polls and their respective campaign ads emphasize their conservative bona fides and support for the Trump administration.

Black’s endorsers include the National Rifle Association and former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales (R). She has emphasized her position on abortion and public safety.

Boyd has endorsements from 50 of the state’s 95 county mayors. He promotes his business record and two advisory roles in Gov. Bill Haslam’s (R) administration.

Lee emphasizes job growth and rural development. He has referred to the death of his wife as a transformative moment in his life and has emphasized his status as a political outsider.

Also running is Tennessee State House Speaker Beth Harwell (R), who has endorsements from the Tennessee State Employees Association and the Tennessee Education Association.

Former gubernatorial candidate Basil Marceaux (R) and Kay White (R) round out the GOP field.

### Freedom Caucus, Main Street, Cruz, and local name recognition in TN-02

Seven Republicans are running for the nomination in Tennessee’s [safely Republican 2nd District](#).

House Freedom Caucus Chairman Mark Meadows and the retiring incumbent, John Duncan Jr., back state Rep. Jimmy Matlock (R), who has engaged in heated exchanges with Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett (R). Burchett is well-known in the district and has been called the [front runner](#) in the race.

Matlock called for a one-on-one [debate](#) with Burchette, a move that didn’t sit well with the rest of the GOP field which has benefitted from a flurry of new ads and endorsements raising their respective profiles.

The Republican Main Street Partnership recently [endorsed](#) U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ashley Nickloes (R), whose service commitments limited her ability to campaign. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz (R) announced [Tuesday](#) he is backing Young Republican National Federation Chairman Jason Emert (R) in the race.

### Corlew and Matheny lead money race for open seat in TN-06, Matheny aligns with Freedom

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## Caucus

Former judge Bob Corlew (R), state Rep. Judd Matheny (R), and former state Agriculture Commissioner John Rose (R) are the [leading contenders](#) for the open 6th Congressional District seat. Incumbent Rep. Diane Black (R-Tenn.) is running for governor.

As of mid-July, Rose has raised \$2.9 million, and Corlew \$1.5 million.

Matheny represents Coffee County and part of Warren County in the state House. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) has endorsed him, and Matheny has aligned himself with the House Freedom Caucus.

This is one of several primaries nationwide where GOP [factional conflict](#) between the Freedom Caucus and House Republican leadership is on display.

## Head-to-head rematch in TN-08

Incumbent Rep. David Kustoff (R) faces a rematch against self-funding radiologist and broadcaster George Flinn Jr. (R) in the [8th Congressional District](#) primary.

In 2016, Kustoff defeated Flinn by 4 percentage points in a 13-candidate primary field.

Flinn has loaned his campaign more than \$3 million and has spent \$2.7 million on the race so far. His ads criticize Kustoff for supporting HR 1625, the omnibus spending bill, and for joining with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) to fund Planned Parenthood.

Kustoff's ads say Flinn's broadcasting company profited from Planned Parenthood and aired spots promoting the organization.

## U.S. Congress

### Steube's military record scrutinized in FL-17

Julio Gonzalez In the race for the open seat in [Florida's 17th Congressional District](#), Navy veteran Julio Gonzalez (R) and Army veteran Bill Akins (R) have joined forces to [challenge](#) state Sen. Greg Steube (R)'s identification as a combat veteran, saying he mischaracterized his service.

Gonzales and Akins participated in a rally protesting Steube's involvement in a town hall with Concerned Veterans for America.

Gonzalez said Steube "described himself on numerous occasions, particularly during his last campaign against Doug Holder, as a combat veteran."

Steube, who served in the U.S. Army JAG Corps and describes himself as an Operation Iraqi Freedom vet, said, "Anyone that served in Afghanistan, especially that conducted missions outside the wire, was always in harm's way." He added, "I have never said that I have been awarded the combat action badge, or the combat infantry badge."

Greg Steube

Retiring incumbent Rep. Tom Rooney (R) cautioned Gonzalez and Akins not to use a measuring stick for who was more of a veteran. He has yet to endorse in the race.

## West Virginia secretary of state rejects Blankenship's Senate candidacy, Blankenship to challenge finding in court

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner (R) rejected coal magnate Don Blankenship's application to run as the [Constitution Party](#) candidate for [U.S. Senate](#) Thursday.

Since Blankenship ran in the Republican primary—he came in third with 20 percent support—Warner said he could not run again because a state's sore loser law prohibits losing candidates in ballot-qualified primaries from participating in the general election with a different party.

A spokesman for Blankenship said the campaign planned to challenge the state and was deciding between Kanawha County Circuit Court or a federal court for the venue.

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West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R), who won the Republican primary with 35 percent of the vote, has recused himself from the matter and retained outside counsel.

## Candidate survey reply of the week

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## State Executives

### Endorsements in Kansas governor's race reflect Republican dispute over 2012 tax cuts

Kris Kobach

State Senate President Susan Wagle (R-Kan.) [endorsed](#) Secretary of State Kris Kobach (R) over Gov. Jeff Colyer (R) in the [Kansas governor's race](#), breaking with state Senate Vice President Jeff Longbine (R), who backs Colyer.

The endorsements reflect an [ongoing debate](#) between supporters and opponents of former Gov. Sam Brownback's (R) 2012 tax cuts.

Kobach criticized the 2017 tax cut repeal, saying the Brownback administration, including Colyer, should have cut spending along with tax rates.

Colyer's campaign said he would consider signing new legislation to reduce taxes and that, as lieutenant governor, he reduced spending while increasing services within the state's Medicaid system.

### Too close to call in Georgia's lieutenant governor Republican primary runoff

With 100 percent of precincts reporting, state Rep. Geoff Duncan (R) has a 1,730 vote lead over state Sen. David Shafer (R) in the Republican lieutenant gubernatorial [primary runoff](#).

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Shafer has not conceded, saying he was “grateful for the support we received” and that his campaign was trying to “determine how many provisional ballots were cast.”

Under Georgia law, a candidate may request a [recount](#) if the margin of victory is less than 1 percent.

The secretary of state has until Aug. 7 to [certify](#) the results.

## State legislatures

Republicans control 32 state legislatures heading into the November 2018 midterms. Over the eight years of the Obama presidency, Republicans picked up 948 seats in state legislatures. [This chart shows](#) the number of candidates running, incumbents retiring, primary challenges to incumbents, and total primaries for Republicans in 2018 compared to the same point in the 2016 elections based on the states where filing deadlines have passed.

### State legislative Republican primaries, 2018 vs. 2016

Takeaways: In the 43 states where candidate lists are now final, the number of Republican candidates running has **increased 8.3 percent**. The number of incumbents retiring has **increased 25.1 percent**. The number of Republican incumbents facing challenges has **decreased 1.8 percent** and the number of Republican primaries has **increased 7.6 percent**.

## Competing Republican factions prepare for state legislative primaries in Kansas

Twenty-two of the 31 Kansas state House [Republican primaries](#) Aug. 7 feature conflicts between supporters and opponents of former Gov. Sam Brownback’s (R) 2012 tax cut package.

Supporters argue the cuts-- which decreased income tax rates and exempted 300,000 businesses from taxation-- increased economic growth. Opponents say the reductions led to unacceptable budget cuts, particularly in education.

The anti-Brownback faction defeated 14 pro-Brownback incumbents in 2016, allowing them to join with Democrats and largely repeal the tax cuts in 2017. The anti-Brownback/Democratic coalition then mustered a two-thirds supermajority to override Brownback’s veto of the repeal.

If the GOP’s 85-40 House majority holds, the pro-Brownback faction needs to have at least 41 members to sustain a future gubernatorial veto of anti-Brownback/Democratic legislation.

This chart shows how many members each faction has going into the 2018 primaries.

### Kansas Republican Factions

## Petition mistake may remove Rick Guy from GOP ballot for NY Senate seat

Republican Rick Guy [may be removed](#) from New York’s 50th state Senate district primary ballot for submitting invalid petition signatures.

In a preliminary review, the state board of elections found 600 of 1,400 of Guy’s signatures were invalid because the petition gatherer, his son Joseph, was not registered with the state Republican Party.

If Guy is removed from the ballot, Bob Antonacci, the choice of the local GOP, will advance to the general election against Democrat John W. Mannion.

The 50th District is one of 10 Republican-held [battleground seats](#) in the New York Senate. Democrats, who hold two battleground seats, need to pick up one seat to take control of the state Senate.



## Special guest analysis: Georgia primary turnout

Ben Ratner is a [FairVote](#) research intern. Rob Richie is [FairVote's](#) president and CEO.

Tennessee's primaries have unusual features for a southern primary: an Election Day on Thursday and no runoffs even when candidates fall short of a majority. As a result, the Republicans' crowded gubernatorial primary may be won with less than 35 percent, and non-majority outcomes are likely in congressional primaries like open-seat races in the 2nd and 6th Districts.

Most southern states hold primary runoffs to help elect consensus nominees by majority vote, as Georgia did last week.

Republican turnout dropped 4 percent statewide even though gubernatorial runoffs sometimes yield higher turnout. For Democrats, congressional runoff turnout declined 36 percent and 52 percent, respectively—part of a longstanding pattern in federal primary runoffs. FairVote found turnout declined 39 percent, on average, in 183 of 190 regularly scheduled U.S. Senate and House primary runoffs from 1994 to 2016. That trend has continued this year, with turnout declining an average 44 percent in 25 of 26 congressional primary runoffs. Half of runoff winners earned fewer runoff votes than in the first round.

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## President Donald Trump

### Donald Trump

President Donald Trump's imprint on the midterm primaries runs deep. Republican candidates either keep their distance or spar over who is more closely aligned with him. Democrats argue over who will most strongly resist him.

The president sometimes plays a more direct role through endorsements, something he did six days ahead of Georgia's July 24 [Republican gubernatorial runoff](#).

Trump endorsed Secretary of State Brian Kemp in the runoff, [tweeting](#) that Kemp was "tough on crime, strong on the border and illegal immigration. He loves our Military and our Vets and protects our Second Amendment."

Kemp defeated Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle by nearly 40 percentage points. In a race defined largely by fierce attacks from both sides, Greg Bluestein of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution said Cagle "was on the ropes" before Trump endorsed Kemp, but the president "delivered the knockout blow."



Cagle's own [internal polling](#) showed the president's July 18 endorsement boosting Kemp as Cagle's own numbers fell.

Georgia governor runoff ballot tracker

Trump has endorsed [26 candidates](#) in 2018: six for the Senate, eight for the House, six for governor, and six for other state executive offices. Of 14 primary candidates he's endorsed in recent months, nine have had their primaries, and [all nine have won](#).

## What we're reading

- In liberal state, GOP debates moderation or following Trump [Kansas City Star](#)
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## THE ALEX JONES BANS WILL OBVIOUSLY BACKFIRE:

Major internet platforms have banned or suspended InfoWars' Alex Jones and his related content en masse, in a show of Silicon Valley solidarity in which only Twitter broke ranks to retain the internet provocateur's content. <http://vlt.tc/3das> Jones, who believes or pretends to believe a lot of crazy things, will presumably react to this by moderating his path or seeing the error of his ways, and his dedicated readers and supporters will come to understand that Silicon Valley is full of smart, compassionate people who will not at all engage in selective bannings based on the politics of the individual at issue. As Rich Cromwell notes: <http://vlt.tc/3dbj> "Maybe the best way to dispel the notion that tech companies want to become our benevolent overlords is to not behave like benevolent overlords."

Holly Scheer. <http://vlt.tc/3dbf> "Over the last week, Apple, Facebook, Spotify, and YouTube have all taken down content and channels from right-wing fringe type Alex Jones and his outlet InfoWars. These channels had millions of subscribers and billions of views, and Jones used them to spread sometimes wacky information and interact with people across the world.

"The companies list repeated violations of their policies as the reason Jones's materials are no longer on their sites. But this isn't about whether you like Jones or think he's a reprehensible human being. Rather, this is about what it means for our society if a few tech companies should be able to decide for everyone what information is available, and what is over the line...

"Well known for being a strong proponent of gun rights, strongly pro-Trump, and anti-Clinton, he also holds less-mainstream views. Some of those include opposing vaccinations, saying vaccines cause autism and that children's programming normalizes autism. Jones's media empire also delves into conspiracy theories, like that the government controls the weather and can weaponize it, that race wars are imminent, and that numerous school shootings were false flags, or governmental covert operations.

"It's not entirely accurate to describe this as purging Jones from the Internet, since his websites are still online and his content is still streamable directly from those sites. However, when these companies removed Jones and his content they made it much more difficult for Jones to interact with new people. This might not be government censorship, but it is suppressing his ideas and views, and those of others on his channels.

"Many of Jones's views are problematic and troubling. It's certainly not only liberals and centrist people who find Jones and his ideas disagreeable. This isn't about agreeing or disagreeing with someone, though, it's about whether part of a free society is having no discussion at all about certain ideas.

"Should there be views that are considered so problematic, or are expressed in ways that are so hateful and inflammatory, that the largest channels for virtual discussion no longer host them or allow links to them? That's really what's at stake here, not Jones himself or his individual statements.

"These companies are defending the content removals, citing material that violated user agreements. YouTube explained that, "When users violate ... policies repeatedly, like our policies against hate speech and harassment or our terms prohibiting circumvention of our



enforcement measures, we terminate their accounts.” Facebook’s removals came after they decided that Jones’s material was violent: “Upon review, we have taken it down for glorifying violence ... and using dehumanizing language to describe people who are transgender, Muslims and immigrants, which violates our hate speech policies.”

“Apple’s statements were similar: “Apple does not tolerate hate speech, and we have clear guidelines that creators and developers must follow to ensure we provide a safe environment for all of our users.” None of these reasons are frivolous, and as private companies Google, Apple, and Facebook do have the ability to set their own usage terms.

“Yet, as social media plays a bigger and bigger part in daily lives and public discourse, it’s worth examining if these platforms are no longer merely trivial or lighthearted but have become interwoven with the fabric of our society. These companies have courted and encouraged this dynamic, and they’ve worked to make themselves indispensable and important parts of sharing information and talking through ideas.”

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#### THE ECONOMY:

Facebook to banks: Give us your data, we’ll give you our users. <http://vlt.tc/3dab> “The social-media giant has asked large U.S. banks to share detailed financial information about their customers, including card transactions and checking-account balances, as part of an effort to offer new services to users.

Facebook increasingly wants to be a platform where people buy and sell goods and services, besides connecting with friends. The company over the past year asked JPMorgan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo, Citigroup Inc. and U.S. Bancorp to discuss potential offerings it could host for bank customers on Facebook Messenger, said people familiar with the matter.”

Gasoline Makers Are Reaping Big Profits. <http://vlt.tc/3dbq> “American fuel makers are posting their best second-quarter profits in years, thanks to soaring domestic oil production and regional pipeline bottlenecks that are allowing them to buy crude on the cheap. Refining companies typically suffer as oil prices rise because drivers scale back their travel, reducing demand for gasoline and diesel. But record U.S. production, coupled with insufficient pipeline capacity in Canada and West Texas, has depressed the cost of oil in many parts of the country, even as oil prices have been rising in general.”

Mattress Firm explores U.S. bankruptcy to close stores – sources. <http://vlt.tc/3daw> “Mattress Firm Inc, the largest U.S. mattress retailer, is considering a potential bankruptcy filing as it seeks ways to get out of costly store leases and shut some of its 3,000 locations that are losing money, people familiar with the matter said. Mattress Firm’s deliberations offer the latest example of a U.S. brick-and-mortar retailer struggling financially amid competition from e-commerce firms such as Amazon.com Inc. Shares of Mattress Firm competitor Tempur Sealy International Inc jumped on the news.”

#### MANAFORT’S TRIAL GETS TESTY:

Manafort prosecution’s frustration with judge leads to fiery clashes. <http://vlt.tc/3dba> “For days, U.S. District Court Judge T.S. Ellis has been cracking the whip at prosecutors in the Paul Manafort fraud trial, prodding them again and again to keep the case moving forward and to drop matters he considers irrelevant.



"Prosecutors' frustration with those exhortations spilled out publicly Monday in a series of prickly clashes in which Ellis snapped at one of special counsel Robert Mueller's prosecutors, Greg Andres, and Andres sometimes lashed back at the judge — something lawyers rarely do.

"The day's first significant altercation came as Andres sought to question Manafort's former deputy, Rick Gates, about his travels, using his passport as a visual aid.

"Let's go to the heart of the matter," Ellis said.

"Judge, we've been at the heart. ..." Andres replied, before the judge cut him off.

"Just listen to me. ... Don't speak while I'm speaking," the judge said, sharply. He added that he didn't see how the testimony on travel "amounts to a hill of beans" with regard to the charges against Manafort, the former Trump campaign chairman.

"The judge urged the two sides to agree on what dates Gates or Manafort traveled to Ukraine, to avoid tedious testimony. Ellis wondered aloud why that hadn't been done before. The question seemed rhetorical, but Andres went ahead and answered it, somewhat snarkily.

"For one, no one's asked for that before," Andres said.

"I am," Ellis shot back. "I'd like to find ways to expedite the trial in this matter."

"We've done everything we can to move the trial along. And I think we've succeeded," Andres insisted.

"The clashes with the judge were unusual and could be risky, since some of them took place with the jury in the room. If jurors defer to the judge, they may view the prosecution as being out of line and overly aggressive. On the other hand, the protests allow the government lawyers a chance to display some passion about their case.

"Minutes after the exchange about the passport, tensions flared again, after the judge took issue with a question that led to Gates' giving a long answer about Ukraine's political system.

"The interruption clearly rankled Andres, who suggested that the judge was putting a straitjacket on the government's case by constantly asking for agreements on what was and wasn't in dispute between the prosecution and the defense.

"There has not been a single admission by the defense on any matter in this case," Andres complained.

"We need to focus sharply," the judge declared. "It certainly doesn't help to offer the history of Ukrainian politics."

"The judge asked Andres whether he planned more such questions. The prosecutor didn't seem to answer immediately but, after prodding by the judge, said, "No." Andres sought to press the issue, which led to Ellis shouting: "Next question. ... Next question, Sir!"

"The prosecutor demanded a sidebar conference out of earshot of the jury, which lasted about eight minutes.

"When court resumed, the judge said calmly to the jury: "I didn't exclude anything."

"Testimony continued for about another 10 minutes, before the jury was excused for the day. Then the fireworks began again."

#### DEATH IN CHICAGO:

Emanuel, police officials react to one of Chicago's most violent weekends of 2018.  
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Monday. The victims ranged in age from 11 to 62.

"According to Tribune data, it marked the worst violence of any single weekend in Chicago since at least before 2016, the year in which homicides hit records unseen for two decades.

"And Sunday saw more victims shot in a single day since at least September 2011 when the Tribune began tracking every shooting in Chicago. For the entire day, 47 people were shot, including a stunning 40 during a seven-hour period early Sunday.

"At a late-morning news conference at the Gresham District station on the South Side, Johnson acknowledged in answer to a reporter's question that no arrests had been made in any of the dozens of shootings over the weekend."

#### RAY LEWIS AND THE BUBBLE THAT SHELTERED HIM:

The Hall of Famer. <http://vlt.tc/3d7x> "For 13 years, Ray Lewis had hidden from his history. He hid behind his talent. He hid behind his religion. Most effectively, he hid behind his team's PR staff. His case isn't rare. The league insulates players in protective bubbles, and in doing so creates its own warped sense of morality that reporters are expected to adhere to.

"In this bubble, a story about the lasting consequences of a player being convicted of obstruction of justice related to the death of two men can seem outlandish, even predatory on the part of the media organization. In the eyes of Ravens players and staffers, we were out to dirty Ray Lewis. They refused to acknowledge the way he'd dirtied himself and dodged questions in the public sphere for so long. For two far-away families, the deaths were devastating, life-altering events. To the Ravens, they were ancient history."

#### APOLOGIZING FOR POETRY:

The Nation's Apology For Publishing A Poem Only Damages The Arts. <http://vlt.tc/3dbo> "On July 24, The Nation's poetry editors issued a statement condemning their own decision to run an "ableist" poem by writer Anders Carlson-Wee. The poem, which ran in the July 30 issue of the publication's print magazine, was handily scrutinized by the Twitter mobs.

"Carlson-Wee issued a disappointing mea culpa, but the political correctness hordes kept raging on. The poem's crime? Causing "harm to members of marginalized communities" via "disparaging and ableist language."

"It's a shame The Nation and Carlson-Wee are buckling under scrutiny. Poetry—and art in general—does not promise to keep us safe and cozy. It's about expression, perspective, and reflecting on the human experience, in whatever way will resonate."

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Secretary of State Kris Kobach leads the Kansas Republican gubernatorial primary by 191 votes out of more than 311,000 cast with all precincts reporting, after President Donald Trump gave him a late endorsement over Gov. Jeff Colyer.

Kobach has 40.6 percent of the Republican primary vote to 40.5 percent for Colyer, with provisional ballots still outstanding. Kansas does not have an automatic recount procedure for primaries, but Colyer could request a recount.

Colyer, the former lieutenant governor, took the top job earlier this year after former Gov. Sam Brownback joined the Trump administration. But the president has a closer relationship with Kobach, a polarizing figure in Kansas and elsewhere after years of clashes on voting rights and immigration. Trump endorsed Kobach via Tweet on Monday, [going against the advice](#) of White House aides.

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## WHO DEFINES HATE SPEECH?:

In the past few days, a clear split has emerged between conservatives of the old guard mindset and those at newer center-right institutions concerning the deplatforming of Alex Jones by Apple, Facebook, Spotify, Google, and others - with the notable exception being Twitter (for the moment at least). The key difference seems to be the level of comfort people have with the approach used by Silicon Valley to define the limits of speech, and their willingness to go along with the whims of the mob - in this case an orchestrated campaign - to define certain views as "hate speech". <http://vlt.tc/3dg6>

This makes the divide understandable: civility-minded conservatives find Alex Jones and his ridiculous and often offensive conspiracies despicable and see any defense of them as inappropriate. They also have little likelihood of facing deplatforming themselves. On the other hand, those who are more aware of the power of these technological platforms to wreak havoc in an instant to content creators know that hate speech is in the eye of the beholder now - and it only takes the dedicated work of low level employees at any of these corporate entities to undermine the models that sustain content creators today.

In the case of Jones, he was not banned for spouting conspiracy theories or being a crazy person - he was banned for hate speech against Muslims and transgender people, a category that could be easily expanded to include many publications and writers on the right today who warn against the dangers of radical Islam and gender fluidity.

The newer entities recognize that the slippery slope is already here, and it is unavoidable. They don't trust the beneficence of the Silicon Valley masters, because they've already experienced the early volleys against their content. Today it's YouTube demonetizing Dave Rubin, Dennis Prager, and Steven Crowder - tomorrow, it's flagging them as hate speech. And if that speech does constitute hate, there will be consequences - not just for those who agree with these views, but those who just follow them online. <http://vlt.tc/3dge>

David Harsanyi. <http://vlt.tc/3dft> "Of course sites like Facebook, Apple, and YouTube are free to ban conspiracy mongers like Alex Jones from their platforms. They have a right to dictate the contours of permissible speech on their sites, and to enforce those standards either dutifully or hypocritically or ideologically or using any method they see fit. No one seriously disputes this.

"Then again, Twitter also has a right, as a private entity, to take a stand, and, as the company's CEO Jack Dorsey explains it, dispassionately allow free exchanges of ideas—even the ugly ones Infowars offers—as long as users don't break the company's rules. Yet, here we are, watching a number of journalists—supposed sentinels of free expression—demanding that billionaire CEOs start policing speech that makes them uncomfortable.

"Jones, who has made numerous hateful, and reckless remarks, should make any reasonable person uncomfortable. In this regard, though, he's certainly not alone. And if Facebook is now guaranteeing a platform free of unpleasant voices who break their vague terms of service, they have lots of work ahead.

"To some extent, I can understand how frustrating it is watching a bigoted conspiracy theorist who has destroyed lives be provided a voice on a large media platform. After all, I've been



trying to ignore Al Sharpton's cable show for years. Yet if I were running a social media platform, I'd like to think I would allow nearly anyone— minus those who threaten violence or otherwise break the law—speak. It's not as if users wouldn't possess a block button. I can't recall a single time in my decade using social media ever opening an Infowars link. I doubt most of you have either. Even if you did, you wouldn't melt. They're just words.

"And while the ejection of Jones isn't the end of the world, and it doesn't necessarily portend a mass expulsion of less extreme voices, let's stop acting like conservatives are foolish for harboring some concerns about the incrementalist goals of would-be liberal censors.

"Every day, contemporary liberals run around accusing Trump supporters of being in league with white supremacists and social conservatives of being unrepentant bigots. Republicans are regularly charged with propagating fascist views or attempting to literally murder Americans.

"It's implausible to imagine a future where liberal activists don't demand Republican groups be deplatformed. We already see liberal groups targeting advertisers of popular conservative radio hosts and trying to have National Rifle Association, an organization regularly compared to terrorists, thrown off platforms on moral grounds. The slippery slope already exists.

"Take a recent Vox video ostensibly exploring the "tough debate about censorship and free speech" on the Internet. "It's not just Alex Jones," says Vox. Among some of the offensive (in reality, some of it is merely provocative) comments on immigration and Islam offered by, as Vox labels them, "YouTube's most extreme creators," we see Turning Point USA's Candace Owens saying, "No one likes feminism, that's what happened, Hillary!"

"You might find her remark tendentious or simplistic, but under no reasonable interpretation can it be described as "extreme." Yet conflating partisan Republican positions with hate speech or intolerable ideas has been a longstanding strategy on the Left in its efforts to stigmatize views. It's liberals who often make little distinction between Infowars and mainstream conservatives. And it's conservatives who need to worry."

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#### THE ECONOMY:

The "democratic socialism" agenda would cost 42 trillion over 10 years. <http://vlt.tc/3dgc> "To put this in perspective, Washington is currently projected to collect 44 trillion in revenues over the next decade. And the Republican tax cut, decried universally by Democrats as irresponsible (and by Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi as "Armageddon") will cost less than 2 trillion over the decade. The 30-year projected tab for these programs is even more staggering: new proposals costing 218 trillion, on top of an 84 trillion baseline deficit driven by Social Security, Medicare, and the resulting interest costs. What would be the effects of such an unprecedented spending binge? Federal spending, which typically ranges between 18 and 22 percent of GDP, would immediately soar past 40 percent of GDP on its way to nearly 50 percent within three decades. Including state and local government spending would push the total cost of government to 60 percent of GDP by that point — exceeding the current spending level of every country in Europe."



city in the U.S. to cap ride-hailing services including Uber Technologies Inc. and Lyft Inc., freezing new vehicle licenses for one year while it studies the fallout from the booming industry. The vote Wednesday by the New York City Council could cripple the growth of Uber and Lyft in their biggest U.S. market as both companies are heading toward eventual initial public offerings. The Silicon Valley companies' businesses depend on recruiting as many drivers as they can to drive down fares and cut pickup times."

There are more jobs than workers. Licensing reform can help. <http://vlt.tc/3de8> "By all accounts, the American economy is in the "goldilocks zone." According to the Department of Labor's August 3 employment report, the unemployment rate fell from 4 to 3.9 percent, while the labor market added a solid 157,000 new jobs in July. However, there is a catch. Such low levels of unemployment create labor shortages in virtually every field. As a remedy, state and local governments should be reducing occupational licensing regulations to let more people step out of the labor shadows."

#### LOOKING WEST FROM RED SQUARE:

Paul Starobin. <http://vlt.tc/3dg7> "The evening suggested a first lesson: while Russians these days are told by their own media that America, once again, is the enemy, they are not reflexively accepting of it. Perhaps they're being saved by cynicism about their own government. "The media and politicians want us to hate America, but we know that America does not really want to destroy us," a first-year student at Moscow State University, the Harvard or Yale of Russia, told me on my visit to his classroom, down the street from the Kremlin.

"As in that Time cover, many Russians also see propaganda in the American media's presentation of their country. It is generally conceded that the Kremlin probably did interfere in some fashion with the 2016 U.S. presidential election. But the idea that Putin's Kremlin, that Russia, can somehow dictate events in mighty America is widely seen as preposterous. "When someone says that Russian hackers made Trump president, it is like hearing that Martians rule the world," the same student told me."

#### STEELE WAS WORKING FOR RUSSIAN OLIGARCH:

It appears Christopher Steele was working for a Russian oligarch at the time he was compiling the anti-Trump dossier for Fusion GPS - and that he was using the same senior member of Obama's DOJ as his point of contact for both. <http://vlt.tc/3dfq> "At the same time Christopher Steele was compiling a dossier accusing the Trump campaign of colluding with the Russian government, the former British spy was lobbying Department of Justice official Bruce Ohr on behalf of a Russian oligarch with close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"The connection between Steele and the oligarch, Oleg Deripaska, is laid out in emails the Justice Department recently provided Congress.

"The emails show that Steele, a former British spy, advocated for Deripaska in negotiations over his visa status with the U.S. government. Deripaska, an aluminum magnate, had been blocked from traveling to the U.S. in 2006 because of suspected ties to Russian mobsters. Deripaska hired an American lawyer named Adam Waldman in 2009 to lobby the U.S. government to obtain a visa for the billionaire.

"The Washington Examiner detailed the exchanges, which show Steele discussing Deripaska with Ohr, the former No. 4 official at the Justice Department."

Read that detailing by Byron York here. <http://vlt.tc/3dei> "The emails, given to Congress by the Justice Department, began on Jan. 12, 2016, when Steele sent Ohr a New Year's greeting. Steele brought up the case of Russian aluminum magnate Oleg Deripaska (referred to in various emails as both OD and OVD), who was at the time seeking a visa to attend an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in the United States.



involvement with Russian organized crime. Deripaska was close to Paul Manafort, the short-term Trump campaign chairman now on trial for financial crimes, and this year was sanctioned in the wake of Russian involvement in the 2016 presidential election.

"I heard from Adam WALDMAN [a Deripaska lawyer/lobbyist] yesterday that OD is applying for another official US visa ice [sic] APEC business at the end of February," Steele wrote in the Jan. 12 email. Steele said Deripaska was being "encouraged by the Agency guys who told Adam that the USG [United States Government] stance on [Deripaska] is softening." Steele concluded: "A positive development it seems."

#### TRIBUNE BACKS OUT OF SINCLAIR MERGER:

Lawsuit time. <http://vlt.tc/3dg9> "Tribune Media has backed out of its proposed \$3.9 billion merger with Sinclair Broadcast Group and said it will be filing a lawsuit against the broadcasting giant for allegedly breaching their merger agreement.

"In an announcement early Thursday morning, Tribune blamed Sinclair for the regulatory roadblocks that the deal has encountered at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Last month, the FCC voted unanimously to subject the merger to an administrative law proceeding, a taxing and time-consuming process that was expected to kill the deal."

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Associate Director, C. Boyden Gray Center at George Mason. <http://vlt.tc/3cwv>

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Venezuela's Maduro says opposition politicians to blame for assassination attempt. <http://vlt.tc/3dem>

As China's military masters AI, why are we still building aircraft carriers? <http://vlt.tc/3deb>

Vietnam's new cybersecurity law will hurt economic growth. <http://vlt.tc/3dez>

US sanctions threaten India's importation of Iranian oil. <http://vlt.tc/3df1>

Argentina Senate Votes Against Abortion Measure. <http://vlt.tc/3dgb>

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Tuesday night is a bad sign for GOP chances in the House. <http://vlt.tc/3dex>

The Ohio results point to Democratic strength in 2018—and a showdown in 2020. <http://vlt.tc/3df7>

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Omarosa secretly recorded Trump and played the audio for people, sources say. <http://vlt.tc/3df0>

Why 'Destroying The Civil Service' Would Be Good For America. <http://vlt.tc/3dg2>

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Illegal Immigrant Philly Refused To Hand Over To The Feds Raped A Child, <http://vlt.tc/3dg5>

Islamic man at New Mexico compound trained kids to commit school shootings, court documents say. <http://vlt.tc/3df5>

Attorney questions allegation in compound case. <http://vlt.tc/3del>

Trump predicts GDP growth could soon 'be in the 5s.' <http://vlt.tc/3dee>

Ocasio-Cortez: I'm being attacked by the Right to distract from news of Collins indictment. <http://vlt.tc/3dev>

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'Never Trump' conservative Ben Shapiro explains why he's now 'more apt' to support Trump in 2020, warns against GOP primary challenge. <http://vlt.tc/3dfb>

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Chuck Todd has turned Meet the Press into late night variety show TV & late night tv hosts have turned their shows into Meet the Press. <http://vlt.tc/3det>

Vox Defends MS-13 As Nice Kids Who Ride Bikes, Work After-School Jobs. <http://vlt.tc/3dfu>

CNN's pro-Trumpers vs. ex-Trumpers focus group gets heated. <http://vlt.tc/3dey>

Profit surges at 21st Century Fox as Disney takeover looms. <http://vlt.tc/3deh>

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Why Parents And The Media Need To Stop Injecting Children Into Politics. <http://vlt.tc/3dg3>



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The Oscars are introducing a new category for 'Outstanding Popular Film.' <http://vlt.tc/3deg>

Oscars to add 'popular film' category, creating questions. <http://vlt.tc/3dej>

A redefined Amazon Studios is primed to disrupt its rivals' plans. <http://vlt.tc/3dew>

An excellent cast rescues fantasy parody Disenchantment from mediocrity. <http://vlt.tc/3df3>

Dinosaurs: The making of TV's saddest, strangest sitcom finale. <http://vlt.tc/3ddx>

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Red Dead Redemption 2 gameplay reveal coming this week. <http://vlt.tc/3ddw>

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Vice President Mike Pence delivered details of the Trump administration's plan for a Space Force yesterday. Source: Getty

**Judge Threatens to Hold Sessions in Contempt for Deportation**

After learning that a mother and daughter had been **deported** to El Salvador while he was still hearing their asylum case, federal Judge Emmet Sullivan threatened to hold Attorney General Jeff Sessions in contempt of court and ordered that the pair be brought back. In June, Sessions announced that fleeing domestic and gang violence would no longer be considered grounds for asylum in the U.S., a decision the American Civil Liberties Union is currently challenging on behalf of a dozen plaintiffs, including the deported mother.

SOURCES: **THE GUARDIAN**, **NYT**

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**Mike Pence Teases Details for 'Space Force'**

"An idea whose time has come." That's how Pence lauded plans for the extraterrestrial service, which would be the U.S. military's sixth branch and could be established by 2020. "Space Force all the way!" President Donald Trump tweeted, while his reelection campaign sent a fundraising email asking supporters to vote on a Space Force logo. Some have criticized the idea, which would require Congressional approval, as unnecessary: The U.S. Air Force currently deals with space matters. Meanwhile, a new Pentagon report called for the formation of a U.S. **Space Command** this year.

SOURCES: **WASHINGTON POST**, **REUTERS**

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**Air Strike Kills Dozens of Yemeni Schoolchildren**

At least 29 children were killed as their school bus passed through a market, hit from above by the government-allied **Saudi**-led coalition, which called the strike "legitimate." The International Committee of the Red Cross said dozens more were wounded during the attack on Saada province, controlled by Iran-backed Houthi rebels. The coalition is supported by the U.S., but the State Department says it wasn't involved in Thursday's strike and urged Saudi allies to "conduct a thorough and transparent investigation." Yemen is currently facing the world's gravest humanitarian crisis.

SOURCES: **REUTERS**, **BBC**

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**Turkish Lira, in Crisis, Falls to Record Lows**

Turkey's currency lost more than 20 percent of its value this week, and more than 12 percent just today, as Ankara and Washington sparred over the fate of a U.S. pastor held in Turkey and investors worried about the Eurasian nation's growing stack of debts. "If they have dollars, we have our people, our righteousness and our God," Turkish President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan** told supporters last night, urging them not to focus on the crisis. Meanwhile some in the Eurozone are examining whether Turkey's problems could spill over to European banks.

SOURCES: **WSJ (SUB)**, **FT (SUB)**

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## BRIEFLY

**Know This:** The judge in ex-Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort's financial crimes trial has [apologized to prosecutors](#) for berating them in front of the jury. New Zealand has announced a ban on [plastic bags](#). And Ryanair has canceled about 400 flights amid a [staff walkout](#).

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### Melania Trump's Parents Take Citizenship Oath

In a ceremony kept private for "security reasons," Viktor and Amalija Knavs became U.S. citizens yesterday. Their daughter had sponsored them for a green card, the couple's attorney said, conceding that the Knavs had obtained citizenship through what President Trump has dubbed "chain migration." It is, the lawyer added, "a dirtier word" for family-based immigration. The president's demanded an end to the practice, which allows immigrants to gain visas to join family members already in the U.S. [Melania Trump](#) became a citizen in 2006 after obtaining a visa based on her modeling abilities.

SOURCES: [THE WEEK](#), [THE HILL](#), [POLITICO](#)



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### Typo Cuts Kansas Gubernatorial Primary Gap to 91 Votes

Kansas [Secretary of State](#) Kris Kobach led by 191 votes over current Gov. Jeff Colyer in the Republican primary — but yesterday one county's corrected digit added 100 to Colyer's total. Kobach is overseeing vote counting in his current job, which prompted his rival to ask Kobach to recuse himself, even though that's not legally required. Kobach was vice-chair of a presidential commission to uncover widespread voter fraud last year, but reportedly didn't find any. As many as 10,000 provisional ballots have yet to be counted.

SOURCES: [TIME](#), [NY MAGAZINE](#)



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### Scientists Discover Alien Mineral Inside Meteorite

Is it the ore to end all ores? Probably not, but the mineral found within the Uakit [meteorite](#), named for the Russian town where it was found in 2016, was not on the list of more than 4,000 previously documented minerals. While the rock was mostly iron-based kamacite, it contained a trace of the new substance, dubbed uakitite and presented at this year's Meteoritical Society conference in Moscow. The uakitite speck, only five micrometers across, is thought to have been formed in extremely high temperatures, but little else is understood about the substance's characteristics.

SOURCES: [FORBES](#)



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### Thief Poses as 'Despacito' Singer to Steal Jewels

This is so sad: Alexa, play "Despacito." Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez, a.k.a. Daddy Yankee, the Puerto Rican rapper featured on the wildly popular Spanish-language track, was robbed of \$2.3 million in jewels and diamonds after a thief reportedly pretended to be him, entered his room and ordered hotel staff to open the star's safe. About \$2,500 in cash was also reportedly taken. Rodríguez, 41, is currently on tour in Europe, and Spanish language newspapers say police in Valencia, where the [theft](#) occurred, have launched an investigation.





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## Dolphins Players Open New Season of Anthem Protests

Taking controversial [kneeling protests](#) against police brutality into a third season, Miami receivers Kenny Stills and Albert Wilson refused to stand during the national anthem yesterday at the Dolphins' preseason opener. The team forbade such behavior before this season, but only as a "placeholder" until the NFL firmed up its mercurial anthem policy. After the anthem, the league said that the players won't be punished under its no-kneeling policy while it negotiates the rule with its players union. "I'm coaching football," Dolphins coach Adam Gase said. "I'm not dealing with this."

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## BRET STEPHENS' BLATANT FREE SPEECH HYPOCRISY:

Sean Davis. <http://vlt.tc/3dgy> "New York Times columnist Bret Stephens, an outspoken NeverTrump activist, effusively praised ABC when it fired Roseanne Barr for a single tweet, but when it comes to a mountain of racist tweets over nine years, he says his new colleague Sarah Jeong deserves a whole lot of grace and a second chance. What could possibly explain this blatant double standard?

To recap: Roseanne Barr, creator and star of the hit sitcom bearing her name, was swiftly fired by ABC in May after she posted a tweet comparing former Obama White House adviser Valerie Jarrett, who is black, to a terrorist ape. Shortly after her firing created a social media firestorm, Stephens used his column at the New York Times to praise ABC and its executives who fired Barr, while declaring that she deserved to be fired not because of a single tweet, but because she is simply a bad person unworthy of having any public platform.

"Barr's tweet about Jarrett, in other words, wasn't the odd needle in the haystack," Stephens wrote. "It was the last straw."

"This is not a 'one bad tweet' issue," Stephens claimed, before endorsing the characterization of Barr as a "boor," a "notorious believer and propagator of conspiracy theories related to 9/11," and "a MIRVed ICBM ready to go off in all directions at any time."

Stephens then declared that the Barr brouhaha was neither a "free speech" issue nor a "double standards" issue.

"[W]hat Barr tweeted wasn't an idea," Stephens wrote. "It was a slur." And so she had to be fired.

With that background in mind, let's compare Barr's single tweet to years worth of undoubtedly racist tweets from Stephens' new colleague Sarah Jeong.

Jeong wrote that white people are "only fit to live underground like groveling goblins."

"Dumbass fucking white people marking up the internet with their opinions like dogs pissing on fire hydrants," she wrote in another.

Jeong approvingly posted a chart which indicated one's value as a human being was based entirely on the color of one's skin.

"Theoretically you can't be racist against white people," she wrote tweeted before claiming that white people smell like dogs.

"#CancelWhitePeople" she demanded in one tweet.

"White men are fucking bullshit," she wrote.

It goes on and on and on like that, for years. Whereas Barr was shown to the unemployment line due to a single tweet, Jeong was hired after several years' worth of blatant racism and misandry. Given that Stephens declared that the totality of one's work over years, rather



than a solitary tweet, should be the determining factor in whether one deserves a prominent public platform, surely he denounced Jeong and demanded her immediate firing with the same fervor he brought to the fight against Barr, right? Right??

Wrong. Oh, so very wrong. Rather than applying the exact same standard to Jeong that he applied to the Trump-supporting star and creator of a show praised for sympathetically depicting a fictional Trump-supporting family, Stephens created a brand new standard for his new co-worker.

"Let he who is without a bad tweet cast the first stone," reads the subhed in Stephens' column on the matter.

"Is it ultimately [Jeong's] fault for writing those ugly tweets?" Stephens asks. "Yes. Does it represent the core truth of who she is? I doubt it."

Whereas Stephens gleefully joined the social media mob as it targeted Barr with pitchforks and torches, he now counsels caution and circumspection towards those who have spent years hurling slurs and epithets and racial invective at those who dared to be born with the wrong skin pigmentation.

"Anyone who has been the victim of the social-media furies knows just how distorting and dishonest those furies can be," Stephens wrote. "God save us all when those pillars crumble in the face of our new culture of denunciation."

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#### THE ECONOMY:

Elon Musk must recuse himself. <http://vlt.tc/3dhl> "The Tesla board of directors plans to meet with financial advisors next week to formalize a process to explore Elon Musk's take-private proposal, according to people familiar with the matter. Musk announced via Twitter this week that he hopes to take the automaker private, in what would be one of the biggest such deals in history. The board is likely to tell Musk, the Tesla chairman and CEO, to recuse himself as the company prepares to review his take-private proposal, according to these people, who asked not to be named because the conversations are private. The board has told Musk that he needs his own separate set of advisors, one of the people said."

Trump's flipflop on tariffs hurts company that backed his proposal. <http://vlt.tc/3dhh> "Three months ago, Element Electronics of South Carolina was a big supporter of President Trump's plan to impose tariffs on goods from China. Then, the plan changed, and this week, that same company said it was closing up shop because the Trump administration was suddenly threatening tariffs on a critical component it imports from China. The real story of how Element Electronics started as a supporter of Trump's trade war but quickly became a victim is still a mystery, as even the company doesn't seem to know why the tariff plan was changed so radically."

#### RUSSIA'S EFFORT TO SOW CONFUSION PAYS OFF:

Pew. <http://vlt.tc/3dhx> "Two states left nearly 200,000 people off voter rolls earlier this year, leading to confusion and anger when those people tried to cast a ballot in the primaries.

Election security experts fear it could happen again in November. While the problems stemmed mainly from computer glitches and human error, the chances of a repeat could be even greater if foreign adversaries, like the Russian government, successfully hack voter registration information.



need to change votes to disrupt America's electoral process, said Maurice Turner, a senior technologist at the nonprofit Center for Democracy and Technology in Washington, D.C. Simply changing voter registration information or spreading disinformation about voting places and times could be catastrophic, he said.

"The attack that is most likely to succeed is one that causes confusion," Turner said. "To cause confusion, there just needs to be a disruption in the normal process, and people's fears can start to build."

Disarray at the polls slows the voting process, disenfranchises people and sows doubt in democratic systems, Turner said.

"In my mind," Turner said, "this is definitely the biggest concern that I have as far as securing our elections in 2018."

The failures in two states earlier this year show how easily the voting process can be upended."

#### DAVE WEIGEL AND THE KOOKS:

How Dave Weigel Made A Career Of Highlighting The Right's Kooks. <http://vlt.tc/3dh0>

"Weigel's sycophancy for a left-wing loser is not the sort of opinion that used to land him in professional trouble. But his career arc is a window on this moment in American journalism and politics.

Weigel made a name for himself at Reason magazine with a 2008 article about Rep. Ron Paul's publication of newsletters with racist and conspiracy theorist content. The attention prompted follow-ups on Paul's promotion of the John Birch Society, the white supremacists around his campaign, and some of his supporters' attraction to birtherism.

Given Paul's presidential campaign, this angle was newsworthy, particularly for Reason's libertarian readers. It was also a lesson for Weigel in the appeal of covering the Right's fringe elements.

Weigel parted ways with Reason after the 2008 election because he "wasn't fully on board with the magazine's upcoming, wonky focus on picking apart the [Obama] administration." Editor Matt Welch later wrote: "What [Weigel] wanted to write about, and what we needed him to write about, were two different things."

What Weigel wanted to write about was right-wing kooks, which he made his beat at the lefty Washington Independent from late 2008 through early 2010. Weigel believed the media did not sufficiently portray the Tea Party as riddled with fringe elements, even while admitting the movement's leaders generally opposed the fringe. His coverage of people like Tom Tancredo and Joseph Farah and continuing fascination with birther attorney Orly Taitz ignored Tea Party supporters' disinterest and opposition. Even the left-wing New York Review of Books offered fairer reporting.

Nevertheless, Weigel's shtick was popular with the center-left. Weigel joined the Washington Post in March 2010. He spun himself as sympathetic to the conservative movement and hostile only to its fringe.

Here, Dave Weigel Was Free to Skewer the Right

The true breadth of Weigel's hostility quickly became apparent. In May, he apologized for calling same-sex marriage opponents "bigots" on social media, in violation of the Post's policies. In glorious Weigel fashion, his apology argued that same-sex marriage opponents made less sense than birthers.

Weigel "resigned" from the Post that June, after media outlets published messages from JournoList, an email group for liberal journalists. The coverage highlighted Weigel's incendiary comment that "This would be a vastly better world to live in if Matt Drudge decided to handle

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his emotional problems more responsibly, and set himself on fire.”

Other messages revealed Weigel’s desire to shape coverage and de-platform various conservatives. Weigel partially sold himself as a former Ron Paul voter, but privately ranted about “screaming Ron Paul fanatics” and the “Paultard Tea Party people” on Fox News. He also urged his colleagues (among other things) to avoid linking to the conservative Washington Examiner, and to black out former veep nominee Sarah Palin’s claim that Obamacare legislation included “death panels” that would ration treatment, even if the coverage was negative.

Weigel quickly landed gigs with MSNBC and Slate (also owned by the Washington Post, because elite journalism is a smaller world than Disney ever imagined). His formula remained the same: compare Ben Domenech on Ted Cruz’s Jacksonian foreign policy speech at a 2014 event with Weigel’s account of the event as a hive of right-wing nuttury.

In September 2014, Weigel jumped to Bloomberg, but rejoined the Post mere months later. There, he was forced to apologize again, this time for a false claim about the Trump campaign from his Twitter account. Since the 2016 election, he has tended toward more mundane, friendly reporting on Democratic politics.

Weigel and his defenders might claim his career should be hailed as anticipating the Trump era. Yet Weigel’s private theory is that fringe characters and issues should be suppressed because even critical coverage fuels them. By Weigel’s theory, hyping nutters was good for Dave Weigel, but less so for our politics. It is like the belief that billions in free media coverage for Trump was bad for America, but good for CBS, writ small.”

#### THE OSCARS TURN DESPERATE:

Adding An Award Is A Cry Of Desperation From The Oscars. <http://vlt.tc/3dhhb> “The Academy of Motion Pictures has announced some changes coming soon to the Oscar ceremonies. In addition to moving the date to an earlier Sunday in February and keeping the show to a consistent three hours, they are adding a new category to celebrate the “Most Popular” films. The parameters for eligibility have not yet been announced, and it isn’t entirely clear if this category will be awarded at the 91st ceremony in February 2019, or the following year.

If the new category will apply to 2018 films, that would make movies like “A Wrinkle in Time” and “Black Panther” eligible. After an impassioned plea from many in Hollywood, including Oscar winner Brie Larson, to diversify film writers and critics, it seems this new “Popular Film” category could benefit high-grossing films that may not have fared well with critics.

Larson famously declared, “I don’t need a 40-year-old white dude to tell me what didn’t work about ‘A Wrinkle in Time’...It wasn’t made for him! I want to know what it meant to women of color, biracial women, to teen women of color.” The Academy has already responded to pressure to increase minority races in their voting membership by inviting 928 new members with a strong emphasis on adding more women and people of color.

More importantly to the Academy, the February 2018 awards show drew some of the lowest viewer numbers of all time, and drug on for almost four hours. It was clear that something needed to change, so arbitrarily adding a category to award movies that many people see might seem like an appropriate move.

However, the Best Picture category expanded from five nominees to ten possible nominees in 2009, and that didn’t help at all. Academy President Sid Ganis explained the larger category as “Having 10 Best Picture nominees is going to allow Academy voters to recognize and include some of the fantastic movies that often show up in the other Oscar categories but have been squeezed out of the race for the top prize.”

While this statement seemed to indicate more award possibilities for more popular films, in 2017, not one of the nine Best Picture nominees cracked into the top-ten-grossing films of the year. In fact, of the 136 films nominated for Best Picture since the 71st Academy awards

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in 1999, only 15 were among the top-ten-grossing films for the year.

A stunning 62 Best Picture nominees from the past 20 years weren't even in the top 50 moneymakers for their respective years. Of the 200 top-grossing films of the past 20 years, 42 have been animated, 28 have been Marvel or DC comic book movies, eight have been Harry Potter movies, six were Star Wars movies, five were part of the Twilight franchise, and four were installments of Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean."

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Spike Lee Wants 'BlackKkKlansman' to Wake America Up. <http://vlt.tc/3dhr>

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The troubled 29-year-old helped to die by Dutch doctors. <http://vlt.tc/3dhp>

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Thomas Sowell Writes The Book About Racism That America Needs. <http://vlt.tc/3dhw>

The handwritten notes exposing what Fusion GPS told DOJ about Trump. <http://vlt.tc/3dhd>

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White nationalists plan a rally near the White House Sunday marking the anniversary of the deadly 2017 Charlottesville clashes (pictured). Source: Getty

## A Year After Charlottesville, White 'Rights' Rally Set for D.C.

The wounds haven't healed. Deadly clashes during a 2017 white supremacist gathering in Thomas Jefferson's city still sow **division**, and the municipality unsurprisingly denied a permit to mark the rally's anniversary Sunday. Instead, White nationalist Jason Kessler expects 400 followers to join him in Lafayette Park — in front of the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue — for a "White civil rights rally." Police will be out in force to separate them from thousands of expected counterdemonstrators, and Kessler admits some sympathizers are "very scared for their safety" and might stay away.

SOURCES: **WSJ** (SUB), **USA TODAY**, **NBC29**

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## Ahead of Midterms, Some Party Soul-Searching

"Knock it off." That's what voters were saying Tuesday, opined Ohio Gov. John Kasich. In a reliably red 12th Congressional District, enough voted for Democrat Danny O'Connor to put him within a percentage point of GOP hopeful Troy Balderson, with votes uncounted. Kasich said the electorate wanted to "stop the chaos, the division," and they blame his fellow **GOP members**. Meanwhile, Republicans were divided in Kansas, where Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a key ally of President Donald Trump, recused himself Friday from supervising counting votes in his tight GOP primary challenge to Gov. Jeff Colyer.

SOURCES: **NYT**, **CNBC**, **CBS**

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## Airport Worker Steals Airliner, Crashes Near Seattle

They believe he was **suicidal**. That's what authorities said about the 29-year-old Horizon Air ground service agent who took a 76-seat Dash-8 turboprop airliner, took off alone and died crashing the plane on an island in Puget Sound Friday evening. The unauthorized 40-mile flight from Seattle's Sea-Tac Airport prompted two military jets to scramble to escort the stolen aircraft. Air traffic controllers can be heard in radio transmissions attempting to provide landing instructions to the man, who responded "I was kind of hoping that was going to be it."

SOURCES: **NYT**, **CNN**

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## Where Does It End for China's Uighur Minority?

*Adem yoq.* It's what ethnic Uighurs of western **China** are saying these days: Everybody's gone. Over the last 18 months, they've been disappearing off the streets of central China and their home province of Xinjiang. Gene Bunin, a Uighur language scholar, spent those months traveling the region, speaking to acquaintances amid an "Orwellian police state." Many people he once knew have "gone home" or are "studying," he was told, meaning relocated or confined to re-education camps. The government says it's fighting terror. Uighurs brave enough to speak out say their identity is being erased.

SOURCES: **THE GUARDIAN**, **BBC**

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## BRIEFLY

**The Week Ahead:** Today NASA is to launch its Parker Solar Probe, which will become the **fastest spacecraft ever** when it nears the Sun, traveling at 430,000 mph. Golf's top players will finish the **PGA Championship** on Sunday. And President Trump plans to sign a \$716 billion **defense spending bill** on Monday.

**Know This:** Turkey's president says President Trump is waging "**economic war**" by doubling of metal tariffs to punish Turkey for holding a U.S. pastor. Jurors in San Francisco ordered Monsanto to pay \$289 million to a cancer victim exposed to the universally used **Roundup** weed killer. And tens of thousands of **Romanians protested** against low wages and government corruption Friday, sparking clashes with police.

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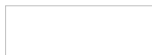
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### The '100-Year Life' Is Japan's Dream ... and Nightmare

About 27 percent of Japan's population is over 65. So it's no wonder that the 2016 book *The 100-Year Life* — which advocates urgent preparation for a time when millions live for a century — became a best-seller there. It's sparked an important debate and convinced many there's **opportunity** in an aging population. That includes manufacturing cool exoskeletons to help older workers with heavy lifting. Now the book's coming out as a manga comic, preaching a gray lining to a wider audience as other aging nations take notes.

SOURCES: **FT (SUB)**



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### As California Burns, Experts Warn the Planet May Be Next

As the second record-breaking fire season in a year scorches California, 16 scientists are warning that colleagues have underestimated climate change's likely pace. Their report in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* warns that feedback loops may realize a "Hothouse Earth" scenario, quickly **warming** the planet four degrees Celsius above normal. That's enough to render most of the populated world uninhabitable from desertification and flooding. It was once a theory discussed mostly on the fringes of science, but today, at one degree and counting, it's generating serious concern.

SOURCES: **NY MAGAZINE**



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### Microhotels Trade Comfort for Experiences

Is it "essentialism," or just a broom closet for \$220 a night? The "micro" hospitality **phenomenon** isn't new: Small rooms in boutique hotels have existed for decades, but this new subgenre seems to fill a niche, so to speak. Millennials, it's said, prefer "experiences," not hanging out in their rooms. So communal spaces have gotten bigger and hipper, with ball pits and minigolf, while rooms have become "cabins" that barely encapsulate a bed, shower, toilet and sink. The question is, can a rooftop bar with a stunning view replace a solid night's sleep?

SOURCES: **THE OUTLINE**



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### Critics Assail Riot Games After Sexism Exposé

Riot Games, the creator of League of Legends, with 100 million monthly players in 2016, found itself defending the company's



corporate culture this week after a Kotaku journalist’s investigation uncovered ingrained sexism behind its “meritocracy” ethos. The months-long probe featured men and women at the LA-based firm saying its emphasis on employing “core gamers” favored male “Rioters” who represent 80 percent of employees. The piece prompted past Riot workers share other accounts, including sexual **harassment**, while Riot Games responded that its staff “must be accountable” for fostering across-the-board equal opportunity.

SOURCES: **NEWSWEEK**, **KOTAKU**



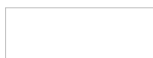
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## How Defenses Are Tackling the Run-Pass Option

Once an effective surprise tactic for college offenses, the RPO — which allows the quarterback to choose from three different moves after the snap — is becoming a predictable mainstay. That means defenses at universities across the country are now devising ways to neutralize the once-rare play. “The more we get exposure to it, the easier it will be to stop,” says University of Florida linebacker David Reese II. Being a bully and pressuring the quarterback to choose quickly is one countertactic he advises, along with practice, practice, practice.

SOURCES: **OZY**



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Rescuers inspect the rubble of the Morandi bridge, which collapsed yesterday in Genoa, Italy. Source: Getty

**Report Finds Rampant Church Child Abuse in Pennsylvania**

More than 300 Catholic priests serving in the Keystone State over the last seven decades have been implicated in the abuse of more than 1,000 identified underage victims. The grand jury report found bishops and other leaders in six of the state's eight dioceses had orchestrated a massive cover-up to avoid law enforcement involvement. While charges have been filed against two priests, the report stated that the statute of limitations has expired on almost all of the offenses. Some survivors hope the revelations will spur a long-sought nationwide inquiry.

SOURCES: NYT, CNN

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**Death Toll in Italian Bridge Collapse Rises to 39**

Rescuers say they've pulled a dozen people alive from the rubble of Genoa's Morandi Bridge, which collapsed yesterday during a sudden storm, bringing some 30 cars and trucks with it on the 148-foot plunge. At least 39 people are confirmed dead, and more are missing. Officials are already probing the rubble to determine how it happened, though Italy's transport minister has blamed poor infrastructure. Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte cautioned that it's too early to speculate, while Interior Minister Matteo Salvini promised to punish those found responsible.

SOURCES: THE GUARDIAN, BBC

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**Transgender Woman Wins Gubernatorial Primary**

Christine Hallquist became the first transgender woman to be nominated for governor by a major party after winning her primary in Vermont yesterday. Hallquist, who transitioned while CEO of the member-owned Vermont Electric Cooperative in 2015, is one of more than 400 LGBTQ candidates running in the midterms. Hallquist will face Republican incumbent Phil Scott in November, although a poll last month found that 55 percent of Vermonters didn't know who she was. Meanwhile, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, with a razor-thin margin, has won his GOP primary, unseating Gov. Jeff Colyer.

SOURCES: POLITICO, NYT, CNN

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**Russia Pivot Feared as Turkey-U.S. Row Escalates**

They're not just blowing smoke. In an escalation of its current standoff with the U.S., Turkey has retaliated with new tariffs on American imports: 60 percent on tobacco, 140 percent on alcohol and 120 percent on cars. The lira is slowly recovering from Friday's free fall, thanks to Ankara's new economic plan to shore up the financial system. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has blamed the crisis on sanctions over the detention of an American pastor, and experts warn this key NATO member might ally with Russia, which is also suffering under U.S. sanctions.

SOURCES: WSJ (SUB), FT (SUB)

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## BRIEFLY

**Know This:** A high-level **Buddhist monk** in China has resigned over allegations that he demanded sexual favors from nuns. An **Australian senator** has sparked outrage by suggesting a plebiscite as a “final solution to the immigration problem,” saying later he didn’t mean to use the Nazi label for the Holocaust and won’t apologize. **New Zealand** has banned sales of homes to foreign buyers, except those from Singapore and Australia. And today, OZY’s **Around the World** campaign takes you to the Netherlands: Read about the country’s tradition of **home birth** and why it’s becoming rarer.

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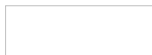
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### Twitter Suspends Alex Jones

The controversial **conspiracy** theorist has been suspended from the microblogging platform for a video post where he violated Twitter’s community standards by telling users “now is the time to act on the enemy.” The suspension of up to seven days, which follows Jones’ permanent removal from other major social media platforms for hate speech rule violations, puts the InfoWars host’s account in read-only mode. Earlier, Twitter resisted calls to ban Jones over his inflammatory remarks, which include repeated claims that the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre was fake. Jones has not yet commented on his suspension.

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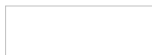
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### Parents' Threats Close Transgender Student's School

After a 12-year-old **transgender** girl used the girls bathroom at her middle school, parents in Achille, Oklahoma, took to a private Facebook group to violently threaten and deride the child. Calling her “it” and “thing,” one adult declared “open hunting seasons on them kind” while another said a “good, sharp knife” would “make him a female.” The threats prompted a two-day school closure, though parents supporting the student staged a silent demonstration on school grounds yesterday. Police are investigating, and the child’s family has reportedly obtained a protective order against the “knife” poster.

SOURCES: **TIME**, **KXII**, **KANSAS CITY STAR**, **DALLAS NEWS**



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### Michigan's Environmental Issues Could Swing Governor's Race

Flint’s just the beginning. Democrats in the Great Lake State have seized on environmental talking points to help vault them into the governor’s mansion in November, citing slow Republican-led responses to ecological problems. There’s the visibly corroded tubes of Enbridge Line 5 pumping Canadian oil to the region’s refineries, aging urban lead and copper water mains and algae blooms in Lake Erie. As Republican Bill Schuette and Democrat Gretchen Whitmer face off, Whitmer — who’s also promised to join a multistate climate alliance — is hoping green will be the new red.

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### Penn Jillette: 'Racially Insensitive' Trump Tapes Exist

The magician and former *Celebrity Apprentice* contestant recalled in an interview that President Trump said “racially insensitive things” on the show. “If Donald Trump had not become president, I would tell you all the stories. But the stakes are now high and I



am an unreliable narrator,” said Jillette, who said damaging recordings of the president do exist — seeming to back up former White House aide **Omarosa Manigault Newman**’s recent claims. Meanwhile, Hulk Hogan lawyer Charles Harder is representing the Trump campaign, going after Manigault Newman for allegedly violating a non-disclosure agreement.

SOURCES: **VULTURE**, **CNBC**



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## Marlins Players Required to Take Spanish

Marlins part-owner and general manager Derek Jeter wants his baseball players to understand each other. The Miami MLB team already mandates English lessons for **Spanish-speaking** players. Now it’s going to require its native English-speaking players to learn Spanish. That applies to team executives and coaches too, including Jeter himself. “Here in Miami, if you don’t speak Spanish, you don’t fit in,” said the Yankees’ 14-time All-Star. Lesson 1: “Buena suerte.” That’s “good luck,” for rebuilding the club from its doormat status in the National League East division.

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v.

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**STATEMENT REGARDING ORAL ARGUMENT**

Appellant American Civil Rights Union requests oral argument. This case presents questions of first impression for this Court, and raises questions of interpreting the federal statute at issue here that have not been decided by any United States Court of Appeals.



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## STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

The American Civil Rights Union brought this suit, invoking the district court's jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because this case involves federal questions arising from an Act of Congress. Following a bench trial, the district court issued a final judgment on March 30, 2018, resolving all claims in this case. The American Civil Rights Union timely appealed on April 29, 2018. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291.

## STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

1. Whether the district court erred as a matter of law in holding that the list-maintenance obligations imposed by the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"), as clarified by the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA"), are limited to removal of voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or change of address.
2. Whether the district court erred as a matter of law in holding that the NVRA's mandate for election officials to "conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists" by reason of death or relocation is met by compliance with minimum requirements established by state law instead of a professional standard or care.
3. Whether the district court erred as a matter of law in holding that HAVA's mandate for election officials to "coordinate the computerized [voter] list with State



agency records on death” creates a safe harbor for meeting the NVRA’s requirement of “conduct[ing] a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists” by reason of death, when state agency records do not include out-of-state deaths.

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-31, 107 Stat. 77 (now codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*), to codify a careful balance. On one side, Congress made it easier to register to vote. On the other side, Congress required election officials to maintain accurate voter rolls by removing ineligible voters from those expanded rolls. A decade later, Congress enacted the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666 (now codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20901 *et seq.*) (“HAVA”), which was designed in part, as the Supreme Court itself has recently recognized, to “clarify” the obligations imposed by the NVRA.

Protecting the integrity of America’s electoral systems is a primary focus of the American Civil Rights Union (“ACRU”), as a central component of the ACRU’s mission to protect the civil rights of all Americans by educating the public about constitutional government. The ACRU is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in Washington, D.C., that in recent years has primarily focused on voting rights and election integrity.



ACRU's research revealed that in Broward County, Florida, there was an implausibly high number of names on the County's voter rolls relative to the number of voting-age residents in the County—in fact, the data showed voter registrations at approximately 100 percent of the County's voting-age population, which is far above the national average. *See* Doc. 217-9 at 5. An expert analysis showed this unrealistic 100 percent registration rate persisted through 2010, 2012, and 2014. *Id.* at 6-7. This data from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the U.S. Census Bureau (in its American Community Survey) is the “gold standard” used as the basis for many federal programs that consider population. Doc. 229 at 84:5-18.

Pursuant to the requirements of the NVRA, ACRU sent a letter on January 26, 2016, to Brenda Snipes, who is the Broward County Supervisor of Elections, a position authorized by Florida statute. FLA. STAT. § 98.015. ACRU informed Snipes that Broward County had “an implausible number of registered voters,” and that the County was thus in violation of the NVRA. Doc. 1-1.<sup>1</sup> ACRU offered to work with the County to cure that deficiency, and gave notice of intent to litigate if the situation were not remedied. *Id.*

When Snipes rebuffed ACRU's efforts to assist, Doc 1-2, ACRU filed this suit on June 27, 2016 under Section 8 of the NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20510, both in its

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<sup>1</sup> The letter also contends that the County is in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A), which is part of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).



corporate capacity and on behalf of its members in Broward County. Doc. 1, 1-2. 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Worker East intervened in the lawsuit on the side of Snipes.

The district court held a five-day bench trial from June 25 to August 2, 2017, during which the specific facts of Broward County's noncompliance became clear.

The testimony of ACRU's population and voter registration statistics expert, Dr. Steven Camarota, showed that the registration rate was above or very close to 100% for the election cycles of 2010, 2012, and 2014. Doc. 217-9 at 6-7. Although SEIU's expert challenged ACRU's analysis on the ground that the registration figures and population figures were not exactly contemporaneous—population data for each year was based on July estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, while voter registration data was based on October voter statistics from the Florida Secretary of State—he did not provide any data that would lead to a different result or contend that any differences would have been material to ACRU's expert's conclusion that voter registration rates in Broward County were extraordinarily high. Doc. 233 at 169-173.

ACRU's election administration expert, former Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler, examined the condition of the County's rolls and Snipes's procedures in light of Florida law, concluding that the Snipes's list maintenance efforts are not reasonable and do not constitute a general program of list maintenance. Doc. 229 at



145:6-10; Doc. 217-10 ¶ 17; Doc. 217-3 ¶ 13. Based on his review, he determined that Snipes does not perform even the minimum list maintenance procedures required by Florida law. Doc. 229 at 182:2-191:13.

In addition, uncontested evidence showed that Snipes does nothing to verify whether voter registration applicants are citizens and thus eligible to vote, and that she has no program in place to identify and remove non-citizens already on the voter rolls. Doc. 232, at 35, 90-92. It also showed that Snipes does not have any program in place to identify and remove voters who become ineligible by registering and voting in other states, or who die in other states. Doc. 232 at 35, 88-89. Snipes also admitted that she had received information on 1,200 voters who were improperly registered at commercial addresses, but that those individuals' addresses were simply changed to the elections office address rather than being placed in the pipeline for cancellation. Doc. 232 at 158-59; Doc. 231 at 150-54.

The weight of the evidence also showed that Snipes did not properly utilize any one of the three alternative procedures required by Florida law. Snipes and her staff admitted that the office does not obtain change-of-address information from a licensed USPS vendor. Doc. 229 at 184:3-25.; Doc. 217-7 at 7; Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 23, 24 (citing Def. Resp. to Interrogatory No. 17). Contemporaneous certifications of list maintenance do not claim to have done any mass *nonforwardable* mailings, as Florida law requires. Doc. 217-5; FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(b)-(c). And although



Supervisor Snipes “amended”—doctored is the more appropriate word—the certificates after this litigation was underway to claim that she had done mass *nonforwardable* mailings, Doc. 217-6, the actual documentary evidence of the mailings themselves demonstrate that all of the large mailings done by her office are clearly marked as *forwardable* or not marked at all (and the default for unmarked First Class mailings is *forwardable*, per postal regulations), Doc. 217-13—a point about which Snipes and her staff were confused at trial. *Compare* Doc. 232 at 59 (Mary Hall, contending that they did “non-forwardable mailings” of vote by mail ballots), *with id.* at 74 (acknowledging the ballots were sent by First-Class mail [which is, by default, forwardable], and not recalling whether non-forwarding was requested); *compare also id.* at 59 (Mary Hall contending that voter registration cards were sent by forwardable mail) *with id.* at 87 (Snipes stating that she thought the voter registration cards were “non-forwardable,” but that she might “be wrong”).

Gessler’s expert opinion also included that a reasonable list maintenance program under the NVRA must feature consistent and written policies and procedures. Doc. 229 at 110:1-112:25. Snipes had no written policies and procedures other than the online software help system that is part of the Voter Registration System (“VR System”), a proprietary third-party software program used by most supervisors of election in Florida. Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 16-17; Doc. 244 at 22-23. The third-party VR System manual does not include procedures for all of the



County's list maintenance-related activities, such as how to handle ineligibility information received from a third party under FLA. STAT. § 98.075(6) or how to respond registrations at invalid commercial addresses. Doc. 231 at 153:22-154:24. The VR System manual is proprietary and not open to public inspection. Doc. 233 at 6:8-12.

Finally, Gessler concluded that the fluctuating numbers of registrations moved into inactive status and then also the numbers moved from inactive to ineligible were not consistent with a reasonable industry standard program of list maintenance, Doc. 229 at 163:12-18, 164:16-166:4, examining the evidence, Doc. 217-3 at 8. It is common for consistent list maintenance activities to result in consistent and regular removals due to population mobility, Doc. 229 at 140:24-25, and the Florida Division of Elections requires expired inactive registrations to be removed before the end of the year following general elections, Doc. 217-13.

Third parties also contacted Snipes' office regarding invalid registrations and testified at trial. In 2012, Richard DeNapoli contacted Snipes regarding decedents from the Social Security Death Index who were still active on County rolls. Doc. 230 at 246:22-247:5, 247:8-248:3, 250:12-15. In December 2013, Gregg Prentice gave Snipes information regarding 1,200 registrations potentially at invalid commercial addresses on the official Broward County voter roll. Doc. 231 at 149, 153. Those voter addresses were eventually updated, not to residential addresses but



to the election office itself, in mid-2015—after the intervening federal midterm election. In 2014, Mr. Richard Gabbay catalogued inaccurate and non-current information on the rolls in his community. Doc. 231 at 99:8-100:9, 103:11-105:19; Doc. 223-29. In 2016, William Skinner and Kirk Wolak found names on County rolls that were also registered in New York and sent this information to Snipes in August 2016, with no response until 2017 after this suit commenced. Doc. 230 at 164:4-9, 167:12-16, 168:6-10, 169:7-10, 170:11-15; Doc. 217-1; Doc. 217-2.

Snipes does not use information from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles database for list maintenance purposes. Doc. 233 at 92:5-6. And she does not attempt to obtain or use out-of-state registration information for list maintenance purposes, as authorized by FLA. STAT. § 98.045(2)(b), even though she is aware of potential inaccuracies in the voter rolls based on out-of-state registrations. Doc. 232 at 35:1-4; Doc. 230 at 170:10-172:8.

Subsequent to the bench trial, the district court issued a judgment in favor of the County on March 30, 2018. Doc. 244. ACRU then timely appealed to this Court on April 29, 2018. Doc. 246.

### STANDARD OF REVIEW

This Court reviews *de novo* conclusions of law following a bench trial, and reviews factual findings for clear error. *Fla. Int'l Univ. Bd. of Trs. V. Fla. Nat'l Univ., Inc.*, 830 F.3d 1242, 1253 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2016). This Court also reviews *de novo*



a district court's application of law to facts. *Holston Invs., Inc. v. Lanlogistics, Corp.*, 677 F.3d 1068, 1070 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2012). The issues presented in this appeal are either pure questions of law or of how the law applies to specific facts, all subject to *de novo* review here.

### SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

The district court erroneously held that the list-maintenance obligations imposed on state and local election officials by the NVRA only require removal of voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or change of address, not on any other ground. This holding fails to take account of both the statutory purpose and other text of the NVRA, as well as the explicit text of HAVA, which, as the Supreme Court has recently recognized, clarifies the NVRA. Uncontested evidence clearly demonstrated, among other problems, that Supervisor Snipes **did not verify the citizenship eligibility of voter registration applicants, or have any program to identify and remove non-citizen voters already on the rolls.**

With respect to list-maintenance to remove voters who had become ineligible by reason of death or relocation, the district court erroneously held that the "reasonable effort" standard mandated by federal law could be met by partial compliance with requirements set forth in state law, rather than a professional standard of conduct. And even there, it ignored Supervisor Snipes's numerous failures to comply with state law.



Finally, the district court erroneously held that a mandate in HAVA that election officials coordinate their voter list with State agency records on death created a safe harbor, exonerating election officials from taking reasonable steps to identify and removed deceased voters who had died in other states.

## ARGUMENT

### **I. SUPERVISOR SNIPE FAILED TO CONDUCT LIST MAINTENANCE TO REMOVE INELIGIBLE VOTERS, AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW, OTHER THAN FOR THOSE WHO BECAME INELIGIBLE BY REASON OF DEATH OR RELOCATION.**

Pursuant to its authority under the Elections Clause to regulate the “Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections” for federal officers, U.S. CONST. art. I, § 4, cl. 1, Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-31, 107 Stat. 77 (now codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*) (“NVRA”), and the Help America Vote Act, Pub. L. No. 107-252, 116 Stat. 1666 (now codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20901 *et seq.*) (“HAVA”).

Congress explicitly declared its twin purposes in enacting the NVRA, codified in the “Purposes” section of that statute. The first is to make it easier for eligible citizens to register to vote in federal elections. Congress then balanced that objective with the second: helping to ensure the integrity of the election process by providing for clean, current, and secure voter rolls, codified in purpose statements (3) and (4). Specifically, Congress declared in the first section of the statute that:

The purposes of this chapter are—



- (1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office;
- (2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this chapter in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office;
- (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and
- (4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.

52 U.S.C. § 20501(b); *see also Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Inst.*, 138 S. Ct. 1833, 1838 (2018) (“The Act has two main objectives: increasing voter registration and removing ineligible persons from the States’ voter registration rolls”).

These are the purposes that inform the NVRA’s operative provisions, including the list-maintenance provisions and requirements codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20507, enforceable by a private right of action provided for in Section 8 of the NVRA, and codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20510.

**A. Federal law requires that state election officials conduct reasonable list maintenance procedures to remove *ineligible* voters from the voter rolls, not just voters who have become ineligible because of death or relocation.**

Section 8, subsection (a) of the NVRA provides, in relevant part, that:

- (a) In the administration of voter registration for elections for Federal office, each State shall—
  - (1) Ensure that any *eligible* applicant is registered to vote ...
  - ...
  - (3) provide that the name of a *registrant* may not be removed from the official list of eligible voters except—
    - (A) at the request of the registrant;
    - (B) as provided by State law, by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity; or
    - (C) as provided under paragraph (4);



- (4) conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of *eligible voters* by reason of—
  - (A) the death of the registrant; or
  - (B) a change in the residence of the registrant, in accordance with subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section; ....

52 U.S.C. § 20507(a) (emphasis added). In addition, subsection (c)(2) provides:

- (A) A State shall complete, not later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election for Federal office, any program the purpose of which is to *systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters*.
- (B) Subparagraph (A) shall not be construed to preclude—
  - (i) the removal of names from official lists of voters on a basis described in paragraph (3)(A) [relating to voter requests for removal] or (B) [relating to removals for felony conviction or mental incapacity, if required by state law] or (4)(A) of subsection (a) of this section [relating to the death of the voter]; or
  - (ii) correction of registration records pursuant to this subchapter.

*Id.* § 20507(c)(2) (emphasis added).

The NVRA's list maintenance requirements were then clarified and bolstered by Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA"). 52 U.S.C. § 21083; *cf. Husted*, 138 S. Ct. at 1840 (noting, in a case dealing with another NVRA provision, that HAVA "explains the meaning" of the NVRA); *id.* at 1842 (noting that HAVA "amended" and "clarified" the NVRA by "mak[ing] explicit what was implicit" in the NVRA); *see also* Doc. 244 at 9 ("*HAVA sheds further light* on what constitutes a reasonable program to remove voters who have died or changed residence" (emphasis added)). That provision of HAVA requires each state to implement and maintain a single statewide computerized voter database "that contains the name and



registration information of every *legally registered voter* in the state,” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(1)(A) (emphasis added), and mandates that election officials, both state and local, “shall perform list maintenance with respect to the computerized list on a regular basis,” *id.* § 21083(a)(2)(A).

Removals are to be done “in accordance with the provisions of the” NVRA, which sets out some specific constraints on removals for changes of address, *id.* § 21083(a)(2)(A)(i), but the HAVA statute, like subsection (c)(2) of the NVRA, also provides for the removal of voters who are ineligible on grounds other than death or changes of address:

the “list maintenance ... shall be conducted in a manner that insures that—(i) the name of each *registered voter* appears in the computerized list; (ii) only *voters who are not registered or who are not eligible to vote are removed* from the computerized list; and (iii) *duplicate names are eliminated from the computerized list.*”

*Id.* § 21083(a)(2)(B) (emphases added). And then, confirming that the list maintenance removal obligations are not limited to voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or relocation, HAVA further provides:

The State election system shall include provisions to ensure that voter registration records in the State are accurate and are updated regularly, including the following:

- (A) A system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to *remove registrants who are ineligible to vote* from the official list of eligible voters. Under such system, consistent with the [NVRA], registrants who have not responded to a notice and who have not voted in 2 consecutive general elections for Federal office *shall be removed* from



the official list of eligible voters, except that no registrant may be removed solely by reason of a failure to vote.

52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(4) (first emphasis added). Finally, with respect to the removal of voters who have died, the states are required to “coordinate the computerized list with State agency records on death.” *Id.* § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II).

All of these provisions are designed to further the third and fourth of the purposes set out in the NVRA, namely, “to protect the integrity of the electoral process” and “to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.” *Id.* § 20501(b)(3), (4).

In sum, the NVRA, as “clarified” by HAVA, mandates list maintenance that includes the following:

1. A general program that includes a reasonable effort to remove voters who become ineligible because of death or relocation (NVRA subsection (a)(4));
2. Ensuring that voter registration lists are comprised only of “eligible” voters (NVRA section 8(a)(1); HAVA subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(B);
3. Removal of voters who are “ineligible”/“not eligible to vote” (NVRA section 8(c)(2); HAVA subsections (a)(2)(B)(ii) and (a)(4)); and



4. Elimination of duplicate registrations (HAVA subsection (a)(2)(B)(iii)).<sup>2</sup>

**B. The District Court Erroneously Held That The List-Maintenance Obligations Were Limited to Removal of Voters Who Have Become Ineligible Because of Death or Relocation.**

The district court held that “the list maintenance requirement [of the NVRA] is only as to death or change of address, nothing more.” Doc. 244 at 56 n.20; *see*

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<sup>2</sup> The NVRA also requires states to “provide that the name of a *registrant* may not be removed from the official list of eligible voters except—(A) at the request of the registrant; (B) as provided by State law, by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity; or (C) as provided under paragraph (4).” 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(3) (emphasis added). One circuit court has held that, by virtue of this provision, states are prohibited from removing (or at least not required to remove) voters who are ineligible on other grounds. *ACRU v. Philadelphia City Comm’rs*, 872 F.3d 175, 182 (3d Cir. 2017). But in each case specified (voter’s request, criminal conviction or mental incapacity, death, and relocation), the statute is addressing the removal of voters who have *become* ineligible, not voters who *never were* eligible. The word “registrant,” which by virtue of the obligation imposed in NVRA subsection (1) is defined as “eligible” voters, makes that clear. It is therefore ludicrous to read these provisions of the NVRA as prohibiting the states from removing from the voter rolls individuals who were never eligible to vote in the first place, or from excluding the removal of such ineligible voters from the state’s obligation “to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.” 52 U.S.C. 20501(b)(4); *see also* 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(B)(ii) (specifying that the 90-day-prior-to-election freeze on systematic removal programs “shall not be construed to preclude ... correction of registration records pursuant to this subchapter”). This Court has already recognized that “an interpretation of the General Removal Provision that prevents Florida from removing non-citizens would raise constitutional concerns regarding Congress’s power to determine the qualifications of eligible voters in federal elections.” *Arcia v. Fla. Sec’y of State*, 772 F.3d 1335, 1346 (11th Cir. 2014). And even if the NVRA could plausibly be so read, such a reading would be erroneous under the clarification provided by HAVA, which quite unambiguously requires the states to have “A system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote from the official list of eligible voters.” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(4).



*also id.* at 5 (“The Court’s focus, and its resulting analysis in this Opinion, center on whether Snipes . . . conducted a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove ineligible voters by reason of death or change of address”); *id.* at 34 (“The Court emphasizes that its focus remains on the list maintenance required under Section 8 of the NVRA – removal of citizens ineligible to vote by reason of death or change of address”); *id.* at 52 (“Throughout this Order, the Court has focused on the one issue properly before it: whether Snipes, as the SOE for Broward County, conducts a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from its voter rolls *by reason of (1) the registrant’s death or (2) a change in residence of the registrant.*” (emphasis in original)). The district court therefore “limit[ed] its inquiry to” what it perceived as “the two list-maintenance requirements of the NVRA,” the removal pursuant to § 8(a)(4) of voters who had become ineligible to vote by reason of death or relocation. *Id.* at 56 n.20. The court deemed irrelevant ACRU’s substantial and un rebutted evidence that Snipes did not conduct list maintenance to remove from the voter rolls individuals who were ineligible for other reasons. *See id.* at 31 (“the possibility of duplicate registrations is not material to the Court’s analysis”); *id.* at 34 (“The vast majority of Mr. Churchwell’s spreadsheets pertained to list maintenance falling outside the purview of the NVRA’s list-maintenance requirement, such as duplicate voter registrations, underage voters, and voters residing at a commercial address”); *id.* (“[T]he relevant



portions of Mr. Churchwell’s data are limited to deceased voters and those of a voting age of 105 or older to the extent those voters may be deceased”); *id.* at 35 (“Looking at Mr. Prentice’s testimony in light of the NVRA’s list-maintenance requirements, the Court concludes that the first submission—a voter’s use of a non-residential address—is not relevant. A voter’s listing of a UPS store as his or her address does not make the voter ineligible to vote *by reason of death or change of address*” (emphasis in original)); *id.* at 56 n.20 (rejecting as irrelevant ACUR’s “evidence relating to a purported lack of list-maintenance procedures for the removal of voters ineligible to vote because they are underage, not a United States citizen, failed to supply their legal residence, or are registered to vote in another state”); *id.* at 59 (“the Court limits its focus to those citizen complaints disclosing voter ineligibility by reason of change of address or death”).

In so holding, the District Court overlooked the statutory language in both NVRA subsections 8(a)(1) and (4) limiting the voter lists to “eligible” voters; the fact that subsection 8(a)(4) deals with the removal of “registrants”—that is, “eligible” voters; and the mandate in subsection 8(c)(2) that a state “shall complete, not later than 90 days [before federal elections] any program the purpose of which is to *systematically remove the names of ineligible voters* from the official lists of eligible voters.” 52 U.S.C. §§ 20507(a)(1), (4), (c)(2) (emphasis added).



More fundamentally, the district court's holding overlooks entirely the requirements of HAVA, which, as the Supreme Court has recently recognized, both clarify and bolster the list maintenance obligations mandated by the NVRA. HAVA makes explicit what was already implicit in the NVRA, namely, that in order to further the NVRA's purpose "to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained," 52 U.S.C. § 20501(b)(4), state election officials must conduct list maintenance to ensure that individuals who are not eligible to vote are not on the voter rolls. HAVA requires a "system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to *remove registrants who are ineligible to vote* from the official list of eligible voters," for example, making explicit what was already at least implicit in NVRA's section 8(c)(2) requirement that states "shall complete [90 days before federal elections] any program ... to *systematically remove the names of ineligible voters* from the official lists of eligible voters." HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(4); NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(A). Similarly, HAVA, like the NVRA, requires that state voter lists are comprised only of *eligible* voters. HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(1)(A); NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(1). But HAVA also makes explicit what was already implicit in the NVRA, namely, that state election officials must conduct list-maintenance activities reasonably designed to ensure that only eligible voters are on the rolls. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A) ("The appropriate State or local election official shall perform list maintenance with respect to the



computerized list on a regular basis”); *id.* § 21083(a)(2)(B) (“list maintenance ... shall be conducted in a manner that insures that—(i) the name of each registered voter appears in the computerized list; (ii) only voters who are not registered or who are not eligible to vote are removed from the computerized list; and (iii) duplicate names are eliminated from the computerized list”).

Because the district court erroneously interpreted the list-maintenance requirements of federal law as limited to the removal of voters who have become ineligible only by reason of death or change of address, its ruling below did not address whether Supervisor Snipe’s list-maintenance efforts with respect to other categories of ineligible voters were reasonable, or even whether they were conducted at all. At the very least, therefore, remand would be required to consider that issue. But because ACRU’s evidence that Supervisor Snipes did not conduct list maintenance to ensure that the voter rolls did not contain individuals who were ineligible to vote on several grounds other than death or relocation was un rebutted (and, indeed, admitted in many cases), *see infra*, Part I.C, a remand should not be required. As explained more fully below, the existing record conclusively demonstrates that no such list maintenance occurred. ACRU’s request for a declaratory judgment that Supervisor Snipes failed to comply with the list-maintenance obligations of federal law, and for an injunction requiring that she conduct and execute reasonable voter list maintenance programs to ensure that only



eligible voters are registered to vote in Broward County, Florida, should therefore be granted by this Court without the need for a remand.

**C. ACRU's un rebutted evidence, and Defendant's own admissions, conclusively demonstrate that Supervisor Snipes does not have proactive list-maintenance programs in place to remove from the voter rolls individuals who were ineligible to vote for reasons other than death or change of address.**

As noted above, both the NVRA and HAVA require that only "eligible" voters appear on the voter rolls. NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(1); HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(1)(A). They also require election officials to have a "program," a "system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to *remove registrants who are ineligible to vote* from the official list of eligible voters." NVRA, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(A); HAVA, 52 U.S.C. §§ 21083(a)(2)(A), 21083(a)(2)(B); 21083(a)(4).

Individuals can be "ineligible" to vote for a number of reasons. Both federal and Florida law require that one be a citizen, for example. 52 U.S.C. § 10101(a)(1); FLA. STAT. § 97.041(1)(a)(2). Non-citizens are therefore "ineligible" to register and to vote, and should not be on the voter rolls. Florida law also requires that one be at least 18 years of age and a legal resident both of the State of Florida and of the county in which the person wishes to vote. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(1)(a)(1), (3)-(4). In addition, under Florida law, anyone who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or another state or who has been



convicted of a felony, and has not had his or her right to vote restored, is ineligible to register or vote in Florida. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(2)(a)-(b). All of these eligibility requirements are covered by the mandates in the NVRA and HAVA that only “eligible” voters be on the rolls, and that “ineligible” voters be removed from the rolls.

Beyond the limited programs dealing with the removal of voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or relocation (which, as discussed in Part II below, do not themselves even meet the “reasonable effort” standard mandated by federal law), the unrefuted evidence introduced in the district court below demonstrated that Supervisor Snipes has not implemented *any* program, much less a reasonable one, to identify and remove individuals from the voter rolls who are ineligible on at least some of these other grounds.

- 1. The unrefuted evidence below demonstrates that Supervisor Snipes does nothing proactively to ensure that noncitizens are not registered or, if registered, are removed from the voter rolls.**

The most glaring example of Supervisor Snipes’s failure to make a “reasonable effort” to prevent ineligible individuals from registering to vote, or to remove them if already on the voter rolls, involves non-citizens, an issue that ought to be of particular concern in areas such as Broward County with large non-citizen populations. As reported by Data USA, the U.S. Census Bureau’s Annual Community Survey 1-year estimate indicates that, as of 2016, 13.5 percent of the



residents of Broward County are not citizens, six and a half percentage points higher (or nearly double) than the national average.<sup>3</sup> At trial, Supervisor Snipes admitted that non-citizens are registered to vote and have voted in Broward County, yet she and her Director of Voter Services, Mary Hall, also admitted that they have taken no action to prevent this or proactively attempt to remove noncitizens from the voter rolls. Doc. 232 at 91:25-92:1; 35:14-36:3.

Instead, as the district court recognized, on the front end, Supervisor Snipes passively relies on voter registration applicants checking a “citizen” box on the voter registration form without doing anything to verify that the applicant is actually a citizen. Doc. 244 at 50 (citing Doc. 232, Tr. D4/35-36). Indeed, in response to a question at trial whether her office “independently verif[ied] citizenship,” Snipes admitted not only that they did not, but that there was no system in place for [them] to verify citizenship.” Doc. 232, Tr. D4/151:11-13. Supervisor Snipes called this the “honor system.” Doc. 232, Tr. D4/151:24.

Supervisor Snipes also had no system in place on the back end to proactively identify non-citizens already registered to vote and then to remove them from the voter rolls. Rather, as the district court recognized, she merely reacts to the limited amount of information about non-citizens she receives. Doc. 244 at 50 (citing Doc. 232, Tr. D4/90-91) (“Occasionally, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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<sup>3</sup> [https://datausa.io/profile/geo/broward-county-fl/#category\\_heritage](https://datausa.io/profile/geo/broward-county-fl/#category_heritage).



sends individuals applying for citizenship to the BCSEO to obtain documentation indicating whether they have registered to vote as non-citizens.... Those non-citizens who registered to vote are then removed from the voter rolls.”); *see also* Doc 232 at 56 (testimony of Mary Hall) (“They request to be removed themselves, whether it’s —t could be a voter that comes in and say: ‘I’m no longer a citizen. I’m a non-citizen. Please remove me.’”); Doc. 232 at 104:8-10 (Snipe’s admission that they’ve had registered voters self-remove because they are not citizens). The information is so limited that in the three year period between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2016, Snipes removed only 4 registered voters who were ineligible non-citizens. Doc. 244 at 50; Doc. 217-5 at 2-13.

Neither the “honor system” on the front end, nor the reactive effort on the back end to remove the few non-citizens brought to her attention, qualifies as a program of list maintenance designed to protect the integrity of the electoral process and to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained, as the NVRA and HAVA require.

It is not as though the tools to implement such a system do not exist. As ACRU’s expert noted, two such tools are readily available. First, Florida has had access to the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (“SAVE”) program since 2012, which allows authorized users to determine the citizenship of legal and formerly-legal residents. Snipes and her staff admitted that they do not use



the SAVE program or request any other type of information from the Department of Homeland Security regarding ineligible noncitizen registrants. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 70 (citing Def. Resp. to Request for Admission No. 4; Def. Resp. to Production Request No. 6); Doc. 232 at 35:14-36:3.<sup>4</sup>

Second, Florida's own Department of Motor Vehicles verifies the citizenship status of all non-citizen driver's license applicants. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 72 (citing Florida Department of Motor Vehicles, Florida DMV Online Guide, available at <http://www.dmvflorida.org/drivers-license-nc.shtml>). But here again, Snipes's Director of Voter Services, Mary Hall, admitted at trial that unless the voter actually checked the "not a citizen" box on the DMV voter registration form, they are sent a new voter application. Doc. 232 at 35:21-36:3. No effort is made to tap in to the citizenship verification process that the DMV already undertakes.

None of this uncontroverted evidence was credited by the district court, however, because of its erroneous view that the NVRA and HAVA do not require list maintenance to remove ineligible non-citizens from the rolls. Doc. 244 at 7 ("while the NVRA undoubtedly permits states to remove any non-citizen who

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<sup>4</sup> SEIU's own expert did not dispute the availability of the SAVE program, but rather cautioned that its use might lead to "false positives." But Plaintiff is not suggesting that the SAVE program be used to automatically bar acceptance of a voter registration application, or to automatically cancel voters already on the voter rolls. Rather, it should be used to identify those who are potentially non-citizens and therefore ineligible to vote, triggering further investigation as necessary.



somehow becomes registered to vote when such individuals come to the state's attention, it does not require a generalized program that attempts to identify such voters" (citing *ACRU*, 872 F.3d at 182; *Arcia v. Detzner*, 772 F.3d 1335, 1346-47 (11th Cir. 2014))).

**2. The unrefuted evidence below demonstrates that Supervisor Snipes does nothing proactively to ensure that Broward County voters who register in other states are removed from the voter rolls.**

The next most glaring example of Supervisor Snipes's failure to remove ineligible voters from the voter rolls involves people who are registered in multiple jurisdictions. Voters who register in another state are ineligible to remain registered to vote in Broward County.<sup>5</sup> Although Mary Hall testified at trial that they obtain duplicate registration information from the state department of elections and process those by merging the duplicates together, Doc. 232 at 66:18-67:25, she admitted that they do not have "any kind of process to ascertain whether or not there are duplicate registrations between Florida and other states," *id.* at 34:25-35:2.

Supervisor Snipes admitted that she was aware of many duplicate registrations between Florida and New York, Doc. 217-10 ¶ 59 (citing Snipes Deposition Exh. 7; Plaintiff's Production ACRU00165-00166, 00183, 00185.). ACRU's expert noted

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<sup>5</sup> The district court claimed that, at trial, Plaintiff's witnesses "recognized that there is no prohibition in Florida to be registered in two states at one time." Doc. 244 at 31 (citing Doc. 230 at 141-142, 183). But Mr. Wolak made no such statement, and Mr. Skinner actually stated the opposite, namely, that being registered in two states at one time "can be fine in some states, but not Florida." Doc. 230 at 183:9.



How that the information necessary to compare duplicate registrations across jurisdictions is easily obtained, and that doing so is expressly authorized by Florida law. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 61 (citing FLA. STAT. 98.045(2)(b)). But despite that, and despite her knowledge of the significant problem between dual registrations in New York and Florida, Supervisor Snipes does not seek information regarding potential duplicate registrations in Broward County and other states. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 59 (citing Hall Deposition 54:11-22).

ACRU's expert concluded that obtaining the New York voter registration database and comparing it to the Broward County database is a reasonable step that will reduce the bloated registration rolls and address a known problem. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 61. On that point, Defendants offered no rebuttal expert.

The problem here is even worse than failure to have a *proactive* program of list maintenance to identify and remove voters who have become ineligible by virtue of registering to vote in another state, however. Two of Plaintiff's witnesses, Mr. William Skinner and Mr. Kirk Wolak, obtained information on dual New York and Broward County voters themselves. They compared the voter rolls from Broward County with those of New York. Doc. 230 at 167:12-16; 169:7-10. They catalogued duplicates between the lists based on exact matching first name, middle initial or name, last name, and data of birth, totaling 7,635 matches. Doc. 230 at 164:4-9. Mr. Skinner sent this information to Supervisor Snipes in August 2016 under FLA. STAT.



§ 98.075(6). Doc. 230 at 168:6-10; Doc. 217-1; Doc. 217-2. He received no response until February 2017, after this lawsuit had commenced. Doc. 230 at 170:11-15. There is no evidence in the record regarding any action taken by Supervisor Snipes regarding Mr. Skinner's submission, and the district court itself "recognize[d] that Snipes failed to adequately respond to information of potential duplicate voters provided by Mr. Skinner." Doc. 244 at 31. So, apparently, not only does Supervisor Snipes not have a *proactive* program of list maintenance to remove voters who are ineligible because they are also registered to vote in other states, she does not even *reactively* correct her voter rolls once such information is brought to her attention.

And yet again, the district court did not credit this significant and uncontested evidence because, in its view, Section 8 of the NVRA does not require Snipes to review duplicate data in or out of the state. *Id.* at 38. "[T]he possibility of duplicate registration is not material to the Court's analysis," it held. *Id.* at 31.

**3. Snipes acknowledged at trial that voters registered at a commercial address remain on the voter rolls.**

Florida law requires that one be a legal resident both of Florida and of the county in order to register to vote in that county. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(1)(a)(3)-(4). Florida law also provides for a uniform voter registration application, which must elicit from the applicant the address of legal residence, among other things. FLA. STAT. § 97.052(2)(c). That statute also provides that "If a voter registration applicant



fails to provide any of the required information on the voter registration application form, the supervisor *shall notify* the applicant of the failure by mail within 5 business days after the supervisor has the information available in the voter registration system,” and that the applicant is not eligible to vote in the next election if the required information is not provided before the close of registration for that election. *Id.* § 97.052(6). In addition, Florida law provides that “No person shall be permitted to vote in any election precinct or district other than the one in which he has his permanent place of residence and in which he is registered.” *Id.* § 101.045(1).

Supervisor Snipes acknowledged as much during her trial testimony. Doc. 232 at 171:8-10. But when provided information in December 2013 that more than 1,200 voters in the county were registered at commercial UPS stores rather than residential addresses, Supervisor Snipes did not respond for months (FLA. STAT. § 98.075(7) requires that a notice be sent to such voters within 7 days), and then merely transferred the address on most (if not all) of the invalid registrations to the address of the Supervisor’s office. Doc. 231 at 153-154.

Florida law does provide an exception to the “residence address” requirement for voters “temporarily residing outside the county;” such voters “shall be registered in the precinct in which the main office of the supervisor ... is located when the person has no permanent address in the county and it is the person’s intention to remain a resident of Florida and of the county in which he or she is registered to



vote.” FLA. STAT. § 101.045(1). But that exception applies to people “temporarily residing outside the county,” and then only if they have an intention to remain a county resident. *Id.* It does not apply to the homeless living in the county, for example. *See, e.g.*, Registering the Homeless, Division of Elections DE 89-04 (June 1, 1989) (instructing that the homeless should be registered at a place where they receive mail and “is not to be registered routinely in the courthouse precinct”).

Snipes admitted that she did not know if there were homeless people in that group, and that she didn’t know a lot about the people in the group. Doc. 232 at 159:17-20. In other words, she did not know whether they qualified to be registered using the election office address. But, contrary to Florida law, she nevertheless moved 1,100 of them “to the Z73 precinct, which is located at” the election office. Doc. 232 at 159:17-20; Doc. 231 at 154:23. Far from ensuring that only “eligible” voters were on the voter rolls, Supervisor Snipes’s actions, in this instance at least, all but guaranteed that ineligible voters remained on the rolls.

**4. Supervisor Snipes has also admitted that she does not request information regarding whether voters registered in her county have become ineligible due to a federal felony conviction.**

Florida law makes felons ineligible to vote, unless and until their civil rights are restored. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(2)(b). Plaintiff’s expert acknowledged that Broward County receives information about felon status from the Florida Division of Elections, and further, that the generally consistent pattern of felon removals does



not, in his opinion, give rise to list-maintenance concerns, provided that the information being transmitted from the state includes those convicted of felonies in *federal court*, not just in state courts. Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 62-64; *see also* Doc. 232 at 123:3-11 (Snipes's acknowledgment that her office receives information on felons from the State). But because Supervisor Snipes admittedly "does not request or directly receive any information or communications from the U.S. Attorney or federal courts regarding felony convictions," she should either confirm that the state Department of Elections obtains and forwards that information, or seek it herself, in order to be taking "reasonable steps" for list maintenance. Doc. 217-10 ¶ 63 (citing Def. Resp. to Production Request No. 4).<sup>6</sup>

In sum, there is a great deal of uncontested evidence demonstrating that Supervisor Snipes does not have a program in place to ensure that only eligible voters are being added to the voter rolls, or that ineligible voters are removed from the rolls, on several grounds of voter ineligibility other than death or relocation. Judgment should have been entered for the Plaintiff.

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<sup>6</sup> The same is true with respect to those who have been "adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting," unless and until voting rights are restored. FLA. STAT. § 97.041(2)(a). The State collects that information and regularly forwards it to the counties. Doc. 244 at 50 (citing Doc. 232 at 190, 192). But because that ineligibility applies to those adjudicated as mentally incompetent in Florida "or any other state," FLA. STAT. § 97.041(2)(a), the process would only constitute a reasonable effort at list maintenance if the state was obtaining mental incapacity information from other states.



**II. EVEN WITH RESPECT TO VOTERS WHO HAVE BECOME INELIGIBLE BY REASON OF DEATH OR RELOCATION, SUPERVISOR SNIPES'S LIST MAINTENANCE EFFORTS DO NOT MEET THE STANDARD OF REASONABLENESS MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW.**

Even if one accepts the district court's overly narrow interpretation of the NVRA's list maintenance requirements as limited only to voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or change of address, Supervisor Snipe's efforts with respect to those categories of ineligible voters do not rise to the level of "reasonable," as the NVRA requires. The district court's conclusion to the contrary is wrong as a matter of law.

**A. The NVRA's mandate for a "reasonable" list maintenance effort incorporates a professional reasonableness standard.**

The NVRA explicitly requires election officials to "conduct a general program that makes a *reasonable effort* to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters by reason of" death and change of address. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4) (emphasis added). ACRU contended below that, by use of the phrase "reasonable effort," the NVRA incorporates a professional reasonableness standard. The district court erroneously rejected that reading of the NVRA's requirement.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> The district court also erroneously viewed ACRU's proffered interpretation of the NVRA standard as requiring a "jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction" standard of care. Doc. 244 at 53. Yet a professional reasonable standard of care does not amount to a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction standard of care; it merely requires the same professional standard of care be applied to whatever circumstances prevail in each jurisdiction.



Courts routinely interpret and apply statutes imposing a “reasonable” care or effort mandate on government officials and others as providing for a professional standard of care. The district court was therefore not operating in a vacuum when determining what a “reasonable effort” means for purposes of an adequate list maintenance program. As the trial court’s sister district court in the Northern District of Florida has recognized in another context, for example, “[t]he term ‘reasonable’ connotes an objective standard, a standard with which physicians, agencies regulating physicians, and courts are well acquainted.” *Womancare of Orlando, Inc. v. Agwunobi*, 448 F. Supp. 2d 1293, 1308 (N.D. Fla. 2005). Although the question is one of first impression for purposes of the NVRA, there is also established analogous Eleventh Circuit precedent that is instructive.

When faced with statutes directing that government officials perform their duties “reasonably,” this Court has read such a standard to be that of “prevailing professional norms.” *Newland v. Hall*, 527 F.3d 1162, 1184 (11th Cir. 2008) (construing *Strickland v. Washington*, 266 U.S. 66, 688 (1984)). In *Newland*, this Court considered an application for writ of habeas corpus based on ineffective assistance of counsel under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d). *Id.* To render habeas appropriate, federal law prescribes an inquiry into the reasonableness of counsel’s actions. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1)-(2). Either the case must involve “unreasonable application[] of clearly established Federal law,” or result in a decision based on “an unreasonable



determination.” *Id.* In following the Supreme Court’s decision in *Strickland*, this Court held that determining whether attorneys provided ineffective assistance under the statute are to be judged by the “prevailing professional norms,” that is, the standard of care a reasonable professional would take at the time of the trial. *Newland*, 527 F.3d at 1201. This standard uses the judgment of peers rather than of lay persons. *Id.* at 1187 (“The ... standard is an objective [one].... [W]e consider what a reasonable attorney would have likely done under the circumstances ....”). In the same way, the reasonableness directive in Section 8 of the NVRA implicates the same concerns the Supreme Court and this Circuit resolved in *Strickland* and *Newland*: judging the sufficiency of administration procedures and the actions of government officials based on reasonableness necessitates an objective professional standard.

If Congress had intended to create a “fire-and-forget” single method that would fulfill all list maintenance obligations, then it would not have required a “reasonable effort.” Congress had a decision to make. The goal was to ensure accurate and current lists. It could have employed a strict liability standard, whereby election officials could be found in violation of the NVRA if any inaccuracy or lapse in currency were found in a list. But it did not. Alternatively, Congress could have set out specific minimal activities, as Florida does in its list maintenance statute (as found in FLA. STAT. §§ 98.065, 98.075). But it did not do that either. Instead,



Congress expressly mandated a reasonableness standard. The district court's standard reads out Congress's express instructions.

In other contexts, Congress has used a "reasonable effort" standard as opposed to a specific activity or quantity standard. For example, in 1991 the standard for public liability due to exposure to nuclear radiation in the Price-Anderson Act was switched from a "reasonable effort" standard to a dose limit standard. *See Finestone v. Fla Power & Light Co.*, 272 F. App'x 761, 765 (11th Cir. 2008). Under the "reasonable effort" standard, the testimony of relevant experts in the field would have been required to show liability. *See id.* at 766.

Section 20507 of the NVRA, which adopts a reasonableness standard, thus creates a minimum objective standard for voter list maintenance. While the particular means and tools that each state may adopt to achieve the objective of accurate and current rolls may vary, the statute imposes an obligation that applies equally to all election officials in the state subject to the NVRA. *See United States v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 851 (8th Cir. 2008). A local election official in Colorado, for example, is subject to the same obligation to reasonably maintain clean voter rolls as Supervisor Snipes is in her county. And both can be challenged in federal court for failure to comply with the same standard to reasonably maintain the voter rolls.



In order to determine whether an election official has violated the duty of care regarding list maintenance, a court must weigh the state of the rolls against the efforts being made to maintain them. Whether the effort is reasonable depends upon the risk that ineligible voters are present in the voter rolls and the availability and costs of means to remedy the harm. Liability for failure to exercise care depends upon whether the burden of prevention and cure is less than the probability of harm from leaving the rolls as they are. *See Braun v. Soldier of Fortune Magazine, Inc.*, 968 F.2d 1110, 1115 (11th Cir. 1992).

Here, a determination of the reasonableness of professional election administration duties should be determined through the use of expert witnesses in the professional field. *Ins. Co. of the West v. Island Dream Homes, Inc.*, 679 F.3d 1295, 1298 (11th Cir. 2012) (“Expert testimony is required to define the standard of care when the subject matter is beyond the understanding of the average juror”). That standard of care amounts to how reasonable professionals in the field would carry out their duties under similar circumstances. *Id.* In complex professional fields such as election administration, the opinions of experienced experts in the field are probative in determining liability. *Id.* The chief election officer of a state under the NVRA is ideally suited to serve as an expert in election administration. *See Cobb v. State Canvassing Bd.*, 2006 NMSC 34, ¶ 44, 140 N.M. 77, 140 P.3d 498, 511 (N.M. 2006) (holding “the Secretary of State is an expert in the area of voting or elections”).



ACRU introduced the opinion of an expert in the field of election administration, who concluded that Supervisor Snipes's list-maintenance efforts were not reasonable when compared to the standard of professional care mandated by the NVRA. Neither Supervisor Snipes nor SEIU provided an expert in the relevant professional field offering an opinion to the contrary. See Doc. No. 244 at 44-52; *Island Dream Homes*, 679 F.3d 1295 at 1298 (finding that the relevant standard of care must be determined through the use of expert witnesses in the professional field). Instead, SEIU's expert was put forward as an expert on political science and elections at the state and local level, but without any professional election administration expertise. Doc. 182 at 33 n.16; Doc. 233 at 104, 172-74.

The district court, however, disregarded the professional opinion of Mr. Gessler, despite being presented with no countervailing professional opinion to adopt. The district court did not review and weigh evidence from competing experts. See *Peek-a-Boo Lounge of Bradenton, Inc. v. Manatee Cty.*, 337 F.3d 1251, 1272 (11th Cir. 2003) ("We are not dealing, therefore, with a case involving a battle of competing experts"). Instead, the district court substituted its own judgment regarding what the standard should be for list maintenance by election administration professionals. But, according to the only evidence of the applicable standard of care, Supervisor Snipes has not conducted a reasonable program of list maintenance as would a reasonable election administration official when faced with



the same condition of the voter rolls and with the same mandatory and available tools under state law. Doc. 217-10. The opinions of ACRU's expert therefore constitute unrefuted evidence regarding the prevailing professional norms under the NVRA regarding list maintenance practices and should have been accepted as such. For example, Mr. Gessler opined that a high registration rate is considered a red flag according to professional norms and that registration rates should be monitored. Doc. 229 at 135:16-138:10, 139:1-11; Doc. 217-10 ¶ 43. Accordingly, a reasonable election administrator should be monitoring registration rates regardless of whether the rate is in fact high.

**B. Even if “reasonable efforts” under the NVRA can be defined by minimum requirements set out in state law, Snipe failed to comply with several list maintenance obligations imposed by Florida law.**

Instead of adopting an objective professional standard for the “reasonable effort” mandate of the NVRA, the district court held that the “reasonable effort” requirement was satisfied if the list-maintenance program:

- (1) complies with all mandatory list-maintenance tools established by the governing state to remove the names of ineligible voters by reason of death or change in residence;
- (2) Uses NCOA information supplied by the USPS, or similarly reliable information garnered from other sources, such as mass mailings or targeted



mailings, to identify registrants whose addresses have changed to update its voter rolls; and

- (3) Uses information from the state health department or other similarly reliable sources to identify voters who have recently died to update its voter rolls and remove deceased individuals from the rolls.

The district court then found that Supervisor Snipes met all three requirements, and therefore complied with the “reasonable effort” mandate of federal law.

The district court’s conclusion here is faulty as a matter of law for three significant reasons. First, it relies on the odd notion that a state statute can alter the meaning of a mandate imposed by federal law. It cannot. See U.S. CONST. art. VI, cl. 2. Second, it continues to treat the list-maintenance mandate imposed by federal law as limited to removals of voters who have become ineligible by reason of death or change of address, thereby excluding from its reasonable list-maintenance analysis Snipes’s admitted failure to comply with numerous list-maintenance procedures mandated by Florida law (which would, of course, be highly relevant if, as the district court held, state law determined the standard for reasonable list maintenance required by federal law). And third, it erroneously infers the word “only” into HAVA’s mandate that election officials “coordinate the computerized



list with State agency records on death,” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II), thereby creating a safe harbor as a matter of law where one does not exist.

**1. State law cannot reduce a mandate imposed by federal law.**

The Supremacy Clause of the Constitution makes clear that federal laws made in pursuance of the Constitution are the supreme law of the land. U.S. CONST. art. VI, cl. 2; *Cliff v. Payco Gen. Am. Credits, Inc.*, 363 F.3d 1113, 1121-22 (11th Cir. 2004). Both the NVRA and HAVA were enacted pursuant to Congress’s clear authority under the Elections Clause to regulate the “Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections” for federal officers. U.S. CONST. art. I, § 4, cl. 1. While the States are free to impose additional list-maintenance requirements on themselves, they cannot create safe harbors in state law that lessen the obligations imposed by a valid federal law. What constitutes “reasonable efforts” at list maintenance to ensure that only eligible voters are on the voter rolls and able to vote in federal elections is therefore a question of federal law, not state law. The district court’s holding to the contrary—that the “reasonable effort” requirement in both the NVRA and HAVA was satisfied if, *inter alia*, the list-maintenance program “complies with all mandatory list-maintenance tools established by the governing state to remove the names of ineligible voters by reason of death or change in residence,” Doc. 244 at 13—subordinates federal law to state law on a matter constitutionally delegated to Congress. **That has it precisely backwards.** See *Taylor v. General Motors Corp.*,



875 F.2d 816, 822 (11th Cir. 1989). Under the Elections Clause, States are free to enact election laws, but when Congress chooses to enact a statute regarding the time, place, or manner of elections, state laws become subordinate to the federal law. *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Ariz., Inc.*, 570 U.S. 1, 8-9 (2013). The district court's holding to the contrary is therefore clearly wrong as a matter of law.

**2. Supervisor Snipes failed to comply even with the mandates of Florida law, including the mandates related to death and change of address.**

Even if state law (rather than a professional standard of care) could set the meaning of the “reasonable effort” required by federal law, Supervisor Snipes should still be found in violation of the NVRA because she was admittedly and irrefutably not in compliance with the minimum list maintenance procedures required under Florida law.

Florida law contains a statutory system of list maintenance, which serves to implement the list maintenance requirements of the NVRA and to attempt to achieve the goals of the NVRA. FLA. STAT. tit. IX, ch. 98. As recognized by the district court and as admitted by the Defendant, Supervisor Snipes fails to comply with many of the list maintenance mandates contained in Florida law, including:

- FLA. STAT. § 98.065(6), which requires each county supervisor of elections to “certify to the department” of state “no later than July 31 and January 31 of each year, ... the list maintenance activities conducted during the first 6 months and the second 6 months of the year, respectively, including



- the number of address confirmation requests sent, the number of voters designated as inactive, and the number of voters removed from the statewide voter registration system.” Each year since 2009 Supervisor Snipes filed certifications indicating the requisite statistics on number of mailings, but which failed to indicate which (if any) list maintenance activities had been conducted. Moreover, the certification amendments were inaccurate and inconsistent with her records. Doc. 244 at 21; Doc. 217-6; Doc. 217-13; Doc. 233 at 82-83. As a result, the *amended* certifications on file with the state are inaccurate, as County director who prepared them conceded at trial. Doc. 233 at 73-82. Gessler testified that such reporting requirements are essential in order for a State to conduct a reasonable list maintenance program. Doc. 229 at 15-25.
- FLA. STAT. § 98.075(6), which specifies that, upon receipt of information about a voter’s ineligibility from outside sources, a county election supervisor “*must* adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (7)” regarding notices to be sent to voters. (emphasis added). Snipes received information regarding registrant’s ineligibility, but the uncontroverted record shows she did not follow the procedure outlined in FLA. STAT. § 98.075(6)-(7). Doc. 230 at 170:8-171:21; Doc. 231 at 107:12-20; 108:17-109:7; 112:20-24; 151:1-4; 153:24-154:7. In fact, Snipes



maintains that she has no obligation to follow the notice requirement of § 98.075(7), instead claiming that “it’s the Supervisor’s latitude of options available” and that they “research [the information] first before [they] take any action.” Doc. 232 at 154:2-5, 17-18.

- Although Florida Division of Elections regulations require removing inactive registrations in December of even numbered election years, Doc. 217-4 at 26, Snipes did not follow these directives after the 2010 and 2014 elections, Doc. 217-5 at 11, 24.

Thus, even if the list-maintenance obligations of the NVRA and the HAVA could be defined by compliance with requirements set out in state law rather than the professional reasonableness standard set out in federal law, Snipes’s violations of these mandatory procedures in Florida’s list maintenance program would violate her NVRA obligations.

The district court discounted all of these failures to comply with the list-maintenance mandates of state law as irrelevant, considering instead only the state law mandates related to the removal of voters who had become ineligible by reason of death or relocation. Doc. 244 at 27. But even with respect to death and relocation list maintenance, Supervisor Snipes failed to comply with the mandates of state law, and the district court’s legal conclusions to the contrary are based on a misunderstanding of key terminology by Snipes and her witnesses.



The district court held that Snipes complies with two of the list maintenance requirements contained in Florida law: mailings based on change of address information supplied through the National Change of Address system maintained by the United States Postal Service as described at FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(a) and mass nonforwardable mailings under (2)(b). Doc. 244 at 46. And the district court concluded that doing these mailings is sufficient to establish compliance with the list maintenance obligations of the NVRA. *Id.* at 56-57. Even if that were the standard for compliance under the NVRA, the district court's finding that Snipes does mass nonforwardable mailings was incorrect as a matter of law, and its legal conclusion that merely utilizing the NCOA process is alone sufficient list-maintenance to comply with NVRA's "reasonable efforts" mandate, no matter how incomplete the data is or how inaccurate the voter lists remain after that process, creates a stronger NCOA safe harbor that the district court itself previously recognized.

**a. Biennial Mailings: Mass Mailings**

The district court wrongly held that Snipes's mass mailings for list maintenance purposes comply with FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(c). Under that statute, a supervisor of elections can use "change-of-address information identified from returned *nonforwardable* return-if-undeliverable mail sent to all registered voters in the county." *Id.* § 98.065(2)(b) (emphasis added). The evidence in the record conclusively shows that Snipes has never done such a mailing. The district court



completely ignores the requirements set out in the text of the subsection and ignores the plain facts in evidence.

None of the larger mailings shown in the invoices and export files from Commercial Printers were for *nonforwardable* mailings. Doc. 233 at 80:5-10; 81:15-82:4; Doc. 217-13. Instead, these were sent “via *forwardable* first-class mail.” Doc. 244 at 47 (emphasis added). The 2013 and 2016 mailings were clearly marked “Forwarding Service Requested.” Doc. 217-13. By default, a first-class piece of mail is forwardable unless it is marked “Return Service Requested.” USPS DOMESTIC MAIL MANUAL 507.1.4.1; 507.1.5.1 (“No Endorsement - –n all cases: Same treatment as ‘Forwarding Service Requested.’”); 507.2.3.3.

Moreover, the original certifications reported that Snipes has never utilized mass nonforwardable mailings. Doc. 217-5. When the BCSOE amended the original certifications during this litigation, she added checkboxes claiming to have done six mass nonforwardable mailings under 98.065(2)(b). Doc. 217-6. But the unrefuted record shows that these mailings never happened and that the amendments are inaccurate. Doc. 233 at 73:24-82:4. At trial, the IT Director testified that he amended the certifications to add the mass nonforwardable mailings *without* examining any invoices or records to confirm that the mailings had even been done. *Id.* at 32:19-33:4, 79:3-5; 85:1-3. Rather, he simply added the mass-mailing claims to the certifications because he was instructed to. *Id.* When presented with copies



of the actual mailings and the invoices for those large mailings at trial, he conceded that they did not qualify as mass-mailings under 98.065(2)(b) and that, therefore, the boxes should not have been checked after all in the amended certifications. Doc. 233 at 77-82.

**b. *Biennial Mailings: Targeted Mailings***

The third type of mailing prescribed in FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(c) involves mailings of nonforwardable targeted address confirmation requests to registered voters who have not voted or requested an update to their records within the last two years. When a supervisor elects to use the targeted mailing procedure, they must send an address confirmation request to all registered voters who meet the above criteria. An address confirmation request is a state prescribed form. *Id.* § 98.0655(1). According to the statute, a targeted mailing is the only prescribed use for the address confirmation request form. The number of address confirmation requests sent out under targeted mailings is supposed to be recorded on the certifications of list maintenance.

The district court was correct in concluding that the BCSOE does not do adequate targeted mailings as defined under FLA. STAT. § 98.065(2)(b). Doc. 244 at 21. Snipes follows no formal procedure for conducting targeted mailings. The IT Director, who is responsible to putting together mailing files that are sent to Snipes vendor for printing, could provide no details regarding how he determines the scope



of the targeted mailings Snipes claims to perform. Doc. 233 at 12:16-21. No such procedure exists in the manual for the VR software program either, which bolsters the conclusion that Snipes lacks adequate written list maintenance procedures.

As correctly noted by the district court, the number of address confirmation requests sent out by the BCSOE as reported on the certifications of list maintenance are too small to possibly include every registrant who has not voted in the prior two-year period. According to the certifications and the mailing files sent to the printer, over an 8-year period, only 17,265 registrants did not vote for 2 years and also did not update their registrations. Doc. 217-6. Over each general election period that is roughly 4,000 registrations per two-year period.

That means all other registered voters, averaging 1.1-1.3 million, either voted every two-year period or, if they did not, contacted the office and updated their address. According to statistics published on Snipes's website, the 2010 general election had a turn out rate of 40.99% of 1,041,761 active registrations (not including inactive registrations), meaning that approximately 614,700 registrants did not vote in 2010. Doc. 217-12. The 2012 general election saw approximately 378,000 active registrants not vote. *Id.* The 2014 general election saw approximately 592,400 active registrants not voting. *Id.* Yet, despite hundreds of thousands of non-voters, only roughly 4,000 targeted mailings were sent out per two-year period. ACRU's expert opined that, in his experience as an election administration professional, this



is an impossibly small number. Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 32-41. Furthermore, the record shows that only about 150,000 registrants updated their addresses during the relevant time periods. Doc. 233 at 145:5-6.

Yet Snipes amended her certifications of list maintenance to the state claiming that her office performed targeted mailings in 11 time periods since 2009. Doc. 217-5; Doc. 217-6. As shown by the evidence and the findings of the district court, these certifications of targeted mailings are not supported by Snipes's records and are, therefore, misrepresentations of the office's list maintenance activities in violation of FLA. STAT. § 98.065(6). In some instances, the certifications themselves are self-contradictory, in that Snipes claims to have done targeted mailings for a time-period, but the record shows no address confirmation requests were sent out at all. Doc. 233 at 74:17-18.

The district court was wrong to ignore these serious and evident violations of Florida's list maintenance program. Instead, the district court should have concluded that Snipes's failure to submit accurate certifications puts Snipes in violation of her duties under the NVRA.

***c. The NCOA processing***

Finally, although there was some conflicting evidence and failure to produce evidentiary problems regarding whether Supervisor Snipes utilized the NCOA



address correction process,<sup>8</sup> the principal problem with the NCOA issue is a legal one, namely, whether Snipes's utilization of *only* the NCOA process constitutes a safe harbor under 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(1), even in the face of extensive evidence showing that the NCOA process significantly undercaptures voters who have moved. Contrary to its earlier rulings denying Snipes's motion to dismiss and then her motion for summary judgment, the district court concluded "that compliance with this safe-harbor provision satisfies Section 8(a)(4)'s list maintenance requirement for address changes." Doc. 244 at 55. Those earlier rulings were correct. In denying the motion to dismiss, the district court noted its agreement with reasoning from the Sixth Circuit in *A. Philip Randolph Inst. v. Husted*, 838 F.3d 699 (6th Cir. 2016), *overruled on other grounds*, 138 S. Ct. 1833 (2018), namely, that "full compliance with subsection (c)(1) would *comply* with the NVRA's mandates and accompanying constraints," but dismissal was not appropriate because whether Snipes' had complied with all the constraints imposed by that subsection was a "fact-based argument." Then, even once the facts were developed, the district court denied

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<sup>8</sup> In her responses to interrogatories and requests for admission, Snipes stated that her office did not use NCOA data for list maintenance, Doc. 217-7 at 8, but after she later intimated that they did, ACRU moved to compel production of all records and data received from the vendor in the supposed NCOA process. Doc. 111 at 4. That motion was granted, Doc. 126 at 6-7, yet Snipes produced no records or data of information received from their commercial vendor. Doc. 233 at 86:16-19, 88:6-9. The district court nevertheless found that Snipes' utilized the NCOA process for address correction list-maintenance. Doc. 244 at 46-47.



Snipes' motion for summary judgment, stating: "the Court does not take the view that, as a matter of law, full compliance with the safe-harbor provision necessarily absolves an election official of any liability under subsection (a)(4) of Section 8." Doc. 182 at 31-32. Again relying on the Sixth Circuit's *Husted* decision, the district court agreed that though the safe-harbor provision was "an example of a procedure that *complies* with the NVRA," it was not "an example of a procedure that *satisfies* all of an election official's duties under subsection (a)(4)." *Id.* at 31-32 (emphasis added). The district court then *held* "that although an election official's particular NCOA process for identifying and removing voters who have changed their residence is 'permissible under the NVRA' if it mirrors the safe-harbor provision outlined in subsection (c)(1) of Section 8, such a process does not necessarily demonstrate full satisfaction of all the duties owed by that election official under subsection (a)(4)." *Id.*

The Sixth Circuit's decision in *Husted* has subsequently been overruled by the Supreme Court, of course, but on other grounds. Indeed, when discussing the so-called safe harbor provision of Section 20507(c)(1), the Supreme Court treated it, much like the Sixth Circuit did, as but one permissible trigger that may be used to start a return card removal procedure. *Husted*, 138 S. Ct. at 1839. It also recognized that the NCOA process alone was an inadequate means for capturing voter change of address issues, "because according to the Postal Service '[a]s many as 40 percent



of people who move do not inform the Postal Service.”” *Id.* at 1840. The subsection therefore does not function as a ceiling for permissible change-of-address removal programs. And, by logical extension, Section 20507(c)(1) cannot possibly serve as a floor for satisfactory list maintenance under the affirmative list maintenance duties imposed by Section 8, which is exactly what the district court has done here.

This second point must be true for several reasons. As explained in *Husted*, the subsection addresses the confines of *permissible* list maintenance programs. Thus, it has nothing to do with the scope of what an election official *must* do to conduct reasonable list maintenance. Furthermore, as the district court itself recognized, Doc. 244 at 54, the NCOA example subsection could only conceivably deal with inaccuracies resulting from changes of address and would not take care of inaccuracies from a host of other causes, most obviously such as by reason of death. Yet the text and context of the rest of § 20507(a), especially in light of the main purposes of the statute and the HAVA, make clear that the statute contemplates more than just list maintenance regarding changes of address only.

**C. Cross-checking state agency death records is not a safe harbor for a “reasonable effort” to remove voters who have died, particularly in areas such as Broward County with significant numbers of registered voters who die in other states.**

Finally, with respect to deceased voters, the district court treated language in the HAVA statute requiring election officials to “coordinate the computerized [voter] list with State agency records on death,” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II),



as though it were a safe harbor constituting reasonable list maintenance if *only* that were done. Doc. 244 at 9 (“Neither the NVRA nor HAVA requires other death records to be made available to election officials.”). The district court’s holding on that score is wrong as a matter of law, and the legal error is particularly germane in a county such as Broward County, which has a significant number of registered voters who die out of state. Those deaths are admittedly not identified by a process that coordinates only with “State agency records on death.”<sup>9</sup>

Because of that, ACRU’s expert opined that for Supervisor Snipes’s list-maintenance activities with respect to deceased voters to be reasonable (and therefore in compliance with the NVRA mandate), Snipes should use the U.S. Social

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<sup>9</sup> The district court claimed that “other states—including Florida—*may and do* consider death information from other sources such as Social Security Administration records or vital statistics records from other states.” Doc. 244 at 9-10 (emphasis added). But the Florida statute it cited merely requires the Department of Elections to “identify those registered voters who are deceased by comparing information received from *either*: a. The Department of Health as provided in s. 98.093; *or* b. The United States Social Security Administration, including, but not limited to, any master death file or index compiled by the United States Social Security Administration.” FLA. STAT. § 98.075 (emphasis added). That provision does not require Florida to use the SSDI, or in any way indicate that Florida *does* use it. Supervisor Snipes admitted at trial that she does not use it, and that she did not know whether or not the State did. Doc. 232 D4/88:15-20; 89:11-21; 99:5-8. But the record does reflect that Broward County does receive calls from relatives of voters who died in other states, triggering a notice and removal process because a significant number of such voters were still on the voter rolls, thereby indicating that the State records do not include out-of-state deaths. Doc. 232 168:17-22; Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 82-83 (citing Snipes Deposition, 47:18-48:9; Plaintiff’s Discovery Production ACRU00207).



Security Administration's Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and the State and Territorial Exchange of Vital Events (STEVE) program, both of which contain notices of deaths both in Florida and outside the state. Doc. 217-10 ¶¶ 81-84 (citing Snipes Deposition, 47:10-48:9 and 61:7-14; Plaintiff's Discovery Production ACRU00207; Def. Resp. to Interrogatory No. 5; Hall Deposition 49:19-50:5).

As noted above, the district court did not consider Snipes's failure to use out-of-state death indexes because of its erroneous holding that "Neither the NVRA nor HAVA requires other death records [than the state's own death records] to be made available to election officials." Doc. 244 at 9. But Supervisor Snipes's admission that she does not use those readily available tools conclusively demonstrates that she has failed to "conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters by reason of— (A) the death of the registrant," as the NVRA requires. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4)(A).



## CONCLUSION

Broward County has failed to carry out its obligations under the National Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act to make reasonable efforts to maintain clean voter rolls. This Court should therefore reverse the judgment of the Southern District of Florida.

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## REPUBLICANS FACE MASSIVE DEMOCRAT TURNOUT:

Turnout in the 2018 midterms is likely to be huge compared to your normal midterm election. At this point, Republicans are actually doing well in terms of turnout in most areas. But Democratic turnout is surging even more. <http://vlt.tc/3eeh> The signs of a wave that will lead to a Democratic takeover are all there, and it looks to be a significant one, not one where there will be any question. But given the map and the defects of the Democratic candidates running for reelection, Republicans are likely to increase their advantage in the Senate - leading more Democrats to express frustration, as so many have in recent years, with the institutional balances of Constitutional government.

Here you can see the 12 Democratic and 90 Republican House seats most in play: <http://vlt.tc/3edz> A key challenge for Republicans: the rising economy doesn't lift all districts. <http://vlt.tc/3edq> "The U.S. economy is roaring like it hasn't in many years, which ought to be good news for the Republican Party in the run-up to the midterm elections.

"A deeper look at the economic data by congressional district reveals a less even picture. Data assembled for The Wall Street Journal by the Institute of International Finance shows that the economy is booming in some GOP-held battleground districts. At the same time, a sizable number of competitive districts—almost all currently Republican—are vulnerable to new tariffs, a new cap on deductions for state and local income taxes, or a jobs picture worse than the national average.

"The result is a midterm election that reflects not a single nationwide picture, but a disparate series of miniatures. The upshot: The same accelerating national economy that could save a vulnerable Republican in the Virginia suburbs might hurt an at-risk GOP candidate in Kansas or Kentucky."

The GOP's tough task in House races is to reach beyond Trump's base and win in key suburban districts. <http://vlt.tc/3eda> "The president's party has lost House seats in 18 of the last 20 midterm elections, with an average loss of 29 seats. The last time a president's approval rating was as low as Mr. Trump's 40%, Republicans lost 30 seats as George W. Bush's popularity sagged during the Iraq war in 2006. Democrats must flip at least 23 seats to take a House majority. Privately, officials from both parties have estimated the range of Democratic gains from 15 to 50 seats.

"The challenge for Republicans in the suburban districts that comprise the House battlefield—traditionally Republican areas where the president is unpopular—is either to create an identity separate from Mr. Trump and the national GOP brand or disqualify their Democratic opponents as "too liberal," soft on immigration or too close to House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi—even those who have said they wouldn't support her for House speaker." One silver lining for Republicans: Democrats are blowing winnable governor races. <http://vlt.tc/3ed9> But that is one slim silver lining.



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#### THE ECONOMY:

Stocks' return to records paves way for volatile autumn. <http://vlt.tc/3edx> "Few would dispute that the general outlook looks bright. Inflation, which investors earlier in the year had feared would stall the economic expansion, has plodded along at a benign rate. Corporate earnings are growing at the second fastest pace since 2010. Even the threat of a trade war has appeared to dim in recent weeks, with the U.S. and Mexico reaching a trade agreement in late August after months of tense negotiations. Yet many investors, burned by previous snapbacks, can't help but view September with a degree of apprehension."

SEC chairman wants to let more Main Street investors in on private deals. <http://vlt.tc/3ean> "SEC Chairman Jay Clayton, a Trump appointee wrestling with how to boost flagging interest in public markets, said the commission also wants to take steps to give more individual investors a shot at companies that have been out of their reach because they haven't gone public. Companies including Uber Technologies Inc. and Airbnb Inc. have shunned the public markets in favor of private investors such as venture capitalists. For decades, regulators have typically walled off most private deals from smaller investors, who must meet stringent income and net-worth requirements to participate because of the added risk private investing holds."

Parents' jobs increasingly shape how far kids get in life. <http://vlt.tc/3edw> "In many cases, upward mobility as defined by Mr. Hout would hardly be noticed by a layperson. One point on the author's scale corresponds to the difference between a receptionist (26 points) and a hairdresser (25 points). A 15-point improvement—from food-preparation worker to medical assistant, for example—is more perceptible but has also become considerably rarer. So-called "long-distance mobility" from one generation to the next declined from 37% of men born in 1945 to 22% born in 1985."

#### KAVANAUGH HEARINGS BEGIN:

Key Question in Senate Hearings: Would Kavanaugh Overturn Supreme Court Precedents? <http://vlt.tc/3edy> "With Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation hearings set to begin Tuesday, partisans on both sides are focusing on one of the most consequential questions surrounding his nomination: Whether he would stand firm with precedents set by landmark rulings or be willing to overturn them."

"Liberals warn that key rulings on abortion, affirmative action and gay rights could be weakened or reversed by a court that leans further to the right. Many conservatives, on the other hand, hope those precedents will be limited by future rulings and eventually crumble, even if Judge Kavanaugh moves carefully rather than tearing through established doctrine."

"The court sets precedents through its body of rulings. Once the justices decide an issue, lower courts are bound by the Supreme Court's holding, and the high court itself usually won't revisit it. But the court on occasion will abandon what it ruled previously."

"Democrats, who privately have said they likely can't block Judge Kavanaugh's appointment, hope to use the televised hearings to motivate voters in the November elections—a playbook the GOP has used successfully for decades."

#### TWITTER GOES BEFORE THE CONGRESS:

Inside Twitter's long, slow struggle to police bad actors. <http://vlt.tc/3ed1> "In some cases, Mr. Dorsey has weighed in on content decisions at the last minute or after they were made, sometimes resulting in changes and frustrating other executives and employees, according to people familiar with the matter."



"Understanding Mr. Dorsey's role in making content decisions is crucial, as Twitter tries to become more transparent to its 335 million users, as well as lawmakers about how it polices toxic content on its site.

"In a hearing Wednesday morning before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Mr. Dorsey will appear alongside Facebook Inc. Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg to discuss how foreign actors can use the social-media platforms to spread misinformation and propaganda. Later in the day, the House Commerce Committee will question Mr. Dorsey individually in a Republican-led look at how Twitter treats conservative voices...

"In the coming weeks, the company plans to start showing users a picture of a tombstone in the place of a tweet that has been taken down as a way to signal that a user has violated a company policy, rather than a notice saying the tweet is unavailable. That step, which hasn't been reported, is among a number of policy changes Twitter plans to make in the coming weeks, according to people familiar with the matter." More on Twitter Viewpoint Discrimination from the Security Studies Group. <http://vlt.tc/3e63>

#### THE PASSING OF OLD WASHINGTON:

Tim Alberta: Washington mourns John McCain—and its own demise under Trump. <http://vlt.tc/3ecw> "That the president was not invited speaks most evidently to his tormented relationship with McCain, whom Trump infamously mocked for being captured while flying a combat mission in Vietnam. More fundamentally, however, it reflects Trump's tormented relationship with a town that purports to revere the very virtues he is accused of lacking: courage, prudence, service, conviction, wisdom, humility, forgiveness, honor—and above all, a patriotism that transcends tribalism.

"The president cannot be held solely responsible for the fractured nature of modern American politics. McCain's idyllic Washington—one defined by ferocious battles waged with a mutual goodwill—has long been on life support. For much of Bill Clinton's presidency, and accelerating through the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama, the electorate and its representatives were hardened by a combination of class warfare, zero-sum legislating and cultural polarization that invited Trump's ascent. Having pulled the plug—and smothered the better angels of our nature with a pillow for good measure—the president finds himself at once disinvited from a singular Washington gathering and yet dominating its consciousness."

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#### SKIM READING IS THE NEW NORMAL:

The effect on society is profound. <http://vlt.tc/3ecz> "US media researchers Lisa Guernsey and Michael Levine, American University's linguist Naomi Baron, and cognitive scientist Tami Katzir from Haifa University have examined the effects of different information mediums, particularly on the young. Katzir's research has found that the negative effects of screen reading can appear as early as fourth and fifth grade - with implications not only for comprehension, but also on the growth of empathy.

"The possibility that critical analysis, empathy and other deep reading processes could become the unintended "collateral damage" of our digital culture is not a simple binary issue about print vs digital reading. It is about how we all have begun to read on any medium and how that changes not only what we read, but also the purposes for why we read. Nor is it only about the young. The subtle atrophy of critical analysis and empathy affects us all. It



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## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Alex,

Our **National Convention** is currently underway in Chicago, where more than 1,000 League leaders from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are celebrating the work our passionate volunteers have done these past two years. We are excited to spend these few days together to make organizational decisions and build upon our mission impact around the country. As the month of June comes to a close, we'd like to share a few highlights of that impact this month:

### Families Belong Together

This month, the League engaged in the immigration crisis on several fronts. **LWVUS sent a letter** to lawmakers on Capitol Hill urging them to vote NO on two pieces of very partisan legislation that **do not address the tragic situation or reunite families**. Last week, the House **failed to pass** one of the bad bills and pulled the other for consideration. Thank you to our Lobby Corps for pressuring lawmakers to vote NO and for all of our online engagers who took action. This issue is far from resolved, but these bills are bad immigration policy and do not reunite families.

While President Trump **signed an Executive Order** to end family separation, the order falls short on details and will not resolve the crisis. Today, League members attending Convention in Chicago and Leagues around the country participated in the Families Belong Together marches. We encourage you to **reach out to Congress and tell them to pass the Dream Act now**.

### Kansas Defeats Proof of Citizenship Law

Last week, a federal judge **struck down a Kansas law requiring documentary proof** of U.S. citizenship to vote. The law required individuals who registered to vote to submit further documentary proof of US citizenship, such as a passport, birth certificate, or naturalization papers. No other state in the country has such aggressive proof of citizenship requirements, and opponents of the law argued that it placed an unnecessary barrier between individuals and the voting booth. Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach contended that such provisions are necessary to stop voter fraud and prevent non-citizens from registering or participating.

Thank you to our Kansas League, who was a plaintiff in this case and has fought tirelessly for years against this law. While Kansas voting officials and Secretary of State Kris Kobach have tried to fight the federal ruling, Kansans are no longer required to submit proof of citizenship when registering to vote.

### Continuing the Fight for Fair Maps

Earlier this month **the Supreme Court ruled** that the plaintiffs in **Gill v. Whitford** failed to demonstrate standing and sent the case back to the district court to give the plaintiffs a chance to demonstrate that they have suffered "concrete and particularized injuries". In **Benisek v. Lamone**, the court also sent the case back to the lower courts without ruling on the merits.

Both decisions mean that voters in Maryland and Wisconsin will once again be forced to participate in an election under an unconstitutional map. However, Leagues continue to gain momentum on redistricting, including in **Pennsylvania where the League is working for a plan 'free from partisan hijacking'** and in **North Carolina where we could see the next big legal battle on gerrymandering**.

Check out **A Conversation on Redistricting** with Ruth Greenwood and Nick Stephanopoulos, originally broadcast live at our National Convention on June 28. Greenwood served on the legal team for the plaintiffs in **Gill v. Whitford** and Stephanopoulos created the Efficiency Gap Theory, which is the standard the court considered in the **Gill v. Whitford** case. Both are co-council for the League of Women Voters of North Carolina in the partisan gerrymandering case, **LWV v. Rucho**.

### Massachusetts House Passes Automatic Voter Registration

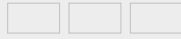
Last week, the Massachusetts House of Representatives **overwhelmingly voted to pass Automatic Voter Registration**, a law that would require individuals to "opt out" of registering rather than "opt in." If passed, Automatic Voter Registration could add 500,000 additional voters to the rolls.

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has advocated for this legislation tirelessly and are optimistic as Automatic Voter Registration moves to the Senate. If passed, Massachusetts would be the 14th state to expand voter registration to every eligible citizen.



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- **Posted:** Jun 27, 2018 10:28 AM - [Election Data Summit Coming to Philadelphia](#) - The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and Pennsylvania Department of State will host an Election Data Summit at the Community College of Philadelphia from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018.

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- **Posted:** 6/27/2018 9:36:00 AM - [Sneak Peek: 2018 EAVS and Election Data Summit](#) - The EAC is busy laying the groundwork for implementing the 2018 EAVS, the eighth biennial survey of its kind. We have started reaching out to our points of contact in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and the territories this week, and we'll be launching the EAVS web portal later this month.
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**AT 2:33 PM TODAY**, there will be a moment of silence in newsrooms to honor the journalists killed one week ago at the Capital Gazette. Trif Alatzas, publisher and editor in chief of the Baltimore Sun Media Group, which owns the Sun and the Capital Gazette, [said](#) in announcing the moment of silence how exercising First Amendment rights "has never been so severely tested."

- **The show of support** for the Maryland paper comes a day after Capital Gazette staffers opted not to simply cover their local Independence Day parade in Annapolis, as is customary, but to march on behalf of the community. The journalists decided to participate, they [wrote](#), "because we want our readers and our community to see that we believe things will, eventually, be OK again."

- **Parade-goers cheered** on the journalists as [they marched](#) and some also [celebrated](#) the vital role of the free press in democracy. "God Bless the United States," [announced](#) the parade's Town Cryer, "and God Bless the Capital Gazette."

**Good morning and welcome to Morning Media.** It's hard coming back from a mid-week holiday, but here we go. You can reach me at [@mcalderone](mailto:mcalderone@politico.com). Daniel Lippman ([@dlippman](mailto:dlippman@politico.com)) contributed to the newsletter. [Archives](#). [Subscribe](#).

**EXISTENTIAL THREAT:** Knight Foundation CEO Alberto Ibargüen [writes](#) in the Miami Herald that "while the maddening evil of last week's attack captured headlines, the existential threat to local news is rooted in the collapse of the ad-based business model that sustained local news for more than a century." He urges support for local outlets, which are "crucial to our lives and our democracy."

- **"I live in Miami** and have worked in newspapers here for many years," he writes. "I used to marvel at the fact that only 90 miles away from Florida, in Cuba, people might be shot or jailed for doing what we were privileged to do because we practiced journalism in the United States. That's a distinction worth preserving."

**LISTEN:** POLITICO's Edward-Isaac Dove [talks to](#) Tom Arnold about his pursuit of Trump tapes, including "Apprentice" outtakes, for an upcoming Viceland show.

**JUDICIAL WATCH FOUNDER BLASTS SHINE HIRE:** Larry Klayman, a Trump-supporting conservative, [expressed serious concern](#) with former Fox News co-president Bill Shine heading to the White House in a senior communications role, the Daily Beast's Lloyd Grove reports. Shine, a longtime Roger Ailes lieutenant, left Fox News last year amid accusations that he enabled sexual harassment at the network. Klayman said he didn't want to see "the ghost of Roger Ailes running the White House communications operation."

**THE PRISON BEAT:** CJR's Jonathan Peters [writes](#) that press access to jails is a problem that extends beyond the recent frustrations over access to detention facilities housing migrant children. "The First Amendment does a generally fine job of guaranteeing rights to communicate," he writes, "but it's a fickle source for access rights, which come from a complex system of statutes, regulations, the common law, and a few problematic Supreme Court decisions."

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**REPORTING GETTYSBURG:** The New York Times's Thom Shanker [looks back](#) at coverage of the epic battle ending 155 years ago this week, which included the paper's then-Washington bureau chief, Samuel Wilkeson, writing a moving front-page dispatch on the death of his 19-year-old son, a Union officer.

- **"Who can write the history of a battle** whose eyes are immovably fastened upon a central figure of transcendently absorbing interest - the dead body of an oldest born, crushed by a shell in a position where a battery should never have been sent, and abandoned to death in a building where surgeons dared not to stay?" Wilkeson began.

- **The Civil War**, wrote Shanker, "marked the beginning of a modern era for journalism, when technology allowed rapid reporting on momentous events." He added, "Coverage from Gettysburg was accelerated by the growing network of telegraph lines, which allowed some dispatches filed from the battlefield in the morning to be published and on the street that very day or the next, especially in the more industrialized, urban North."

**REMEMBERING ALAN DIAZ:** The AP's David Fischer [writes](#): "Retired Associated Press photojournalist Alan Diaz, whose photo of a terrified 6-year-old Cuban boy named Elian Gonzalez earned him the Pulitzer Prize, has died. He was 71."



struggle over the fate of a small Cuban boy named Elian Gonzalez, the magnified eye of a Florida election official trying to make sense of hanging chads and disputed ballots in the 2000 presidential election," AP executive editor Sally Buzbee said.

## REVOLVING DOOR

**Thomas Roberts**, most recently an MSNBC anchor, is heading to Atlanta as the evening anchor on CBS46, [via](#) AJC's Rodney Ho)

**Katie Bo Williams**, most recently at the Hill, is joining Defense One as a senior correspondent focused on Pentagon and global security coverage.

**Chrissie Thompson** is joining USA Today as an editor on the paper's national desk and will be based in Spokane, Washington. She most recently was Columbus bureau chief for the Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Mary Snow**, a veteran broadcast journalist who has worked at CNN, Bloomberg and ABC News, is joining Quinnipiac University Poll as a polling analyst.

**Ethan Barton** is now senior editor at the Daily Caller News Foundation. He previously was an investigative reporter at the publication.

**OPENING:** The Washington Post's "The Fix" [is looking](#) for a media and politics reporter.

## EXTRAS

- Former Republican Max Boot [writes](#) in the Washington Post why he's rooting for a Democratic takeover.

- Sri Lankan lawmakers denounced the New York Times, and specifically two local journalists working for the paper, the Times's Maria Abi-Habib [reports](#).

- Fox News's Brit Hume tweeted on Independence Day that Democrats "don't love" America - and then deleted it [notes](#) Mediaite. Hume [explains](#).

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## Election Academy: EAC to Host Data Summit in Philadelphia July 12

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The U.S. Election Assistance Commission will host its 2018 Election Data Summit next week on July 12 in Philadelphia, PA. Here's the [announcement](#):

*The U.S. Election Assistance Commission and Pennsylvania Department of State will host an Election Data Summit at the **Community College of Philadelphia** from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018. The gathering will take place prior to the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) summer conferences in Philadelphia. This unique summit will bring together some of the nation's most respected election data experts to examine ways election officials can use all types of data to improve processes and inform decision making. Each of the summit's four panels will focus on a distinct aspect of the election cycle and explore different sources for election data, including voter registration databases, electronic poll books, voting equipment, and post-election audits.*

And here is the [agenda](#):

**9:00 a.m.**

### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Robert Torres – Acting Secretary, PA Department of State

Thomas Hicks – Chairman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

**9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

### **Panel I: Voter Registration**

*Voter registration data is the backbone of election information. In light of recent trends towards modernizing voter registration*

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systems and processes and increased sharing of registration data among states, this panel will explore how voter registration data is used, collected, and shared.

Moderator: Christy McCormick – Vice Chair, EAC

Panelists:

- Lori Augino – Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary, Washington State
- Mike Moser – Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Commissions, Elections & Legislation, PA DOS
- Ericka Haas – Systems Engineer & Technical Liaison, ERIC
- Don Palmer – Policy Advisor, EAC

**10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Break**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### **Panel II: Election Day Preparation**

A lot goes into preparing for Election Day, especially when “Election Day” can be a weeks-long event with early voting now available in many states. Panelists will discuss using data to recruit poll workers and distribution of voting machines and other resources.

Moderator: Professor Charles Stewart III – Director of the MIT Election Data and Science Lab

Panelists:

- Neal Kelley – Registrar of Voters, Orange County, CA
- Melissa Frey – Special Assistant to the Director, PA Emergency Management Agency
- Ben Uminsky – Project Manager, Business Intelligence Competency Center, Los Angeles County, CA

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### **Panel III: Election Day**

Election Day is the culmination of months of preparation. This panel will look at many Election Day data sources including electronic poll books, line management tools, and voter call-in centers. Additionally, with millions of voters now casting their ballots by mail, other sources of data and tools such as mail ballot trackers and electronic signature verification will be discussed.

Moderator: Thomas Hicks – Chair, EAC

Panelists:

- Laura Herzog – Election Supervisor, Hendricks County, IN
- Michelle White – General Registrar, Prince William County, VA
- Amber McReynolds – Director of Elections for the City and County of Denver, CO
- Erin Casey – Executive Director, Pennsylvania Voice

**3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

### **Panel IV: Post Election**

The data source voters and candidates typically care most about is of course the ballot count. However, election officials have many other data sources and tools at their disposal to inform their post-election processes and review exercises. Panelists will discuss post-election data sources including post-election audits, provisional ballot resolution tools, and after-action reports and evaluations.

Moderator: Kathy Boockvar – Senior Advisor to the Governor on Elections

Panelists:

- Rey Valenzuela – Director of Elections, Maricopa County, AZ
- Jennifer Morrell – Election Validation Project, Democracy Fund
- Kara Rahn – Director of Elections, Chester County, PA
- Bridgett King – Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Auburn University

**4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks**

The EAC’s last Data Summit was a huge success and well-attended; this one should also be fascinating and will have election officials (and geeks!) from across the nation in attendance given the proximity to the NASS/NASED meetings. Space is limited; to register, go to [this link](#) to claim your spot! Stay tuned ...



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By Michael Calderone | 07/06/2018 05:30 AM EDT

**TRUMP WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS** already seemed inextricably linked to Fox News. The president has given far more interviews to Fox than he has to the other major networks combined. He speaks frequently to hosts Sean Hannity and Lou Dobbs, who are among a stable of on-air boosters. He [hired](#) a longtime Fox News contributor, John Bolton, to be national security adviser. And he regularly amplifies segments on shows like "Fox & Friends" to his 53 million-plus Twitter followers in a [feedback loop](#).

- **The line between Fox News and the White House** only got blurrier Thursday following the official [hiring](#) of Bill Shine as deputy chief of staff for communications. Shine spent two decades at Fox News, where he rose to co-president, and still remains good friends with Hannity, the network's biggest star. "Some close to the White House," the New York Times [reported](#), expect Shine "to serve as an extension of Hannity."

- **Shine left Fox News** last year amid scandal, with women accusing him [in lawsuits](#) of enabling a toxic culture of sexual harassment under late Fox News chief Roger Ailes. Women's advocacy groups blasted the move Thursday afternoon as "appalling" (National Women's Law Center) and "disturbing" (UltraViolet).

- **And even some conservative Trump supporters**, like Judicial Watch founder Larry Klayman, have [spoken against](#) the hire. One Republican source close to the White House [told](#) BuzzFeed "it could be one of the worst mistakes that the president has made."

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**IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO TODAY** that former "Fox & Friends" co-host Gretchen Carlson [filed](#) the sexual harassment lawsuit against Ailes that precipitated his downfall. Carlson [noted](#) that anniversary in response to the Shine hire, a lawsuit "giving women a voice, letting them know you can be believed, launching a national movement to stand up and speak up and say enough is enough." Life, she said, "works in mysterious ways."

- **Attorney Nancy Erika Smith**, who represented Carlson, [told](#) the Washington Post that "Ailes's enabler and confidant is well qualified to speak on behalf of a president who brags about assaulting women and preying on teenage beauty pageant contestants, and pays adult film actresses to be quiet about his adultery." She added, "Being from Fox News, Shine is also well qualified to speak for a president who lies every single day."

**WHILE SHINE KNOWS HOW TO PROGRAM** for a TV audience that surely overlaps with Trump's base, he comes to the senior communications job with little experience in actually communicating with the press. The Washington Post's Erik Wemple [notes](#) how Shine has rarely given interviews in two decades at Fox News. So with Shine, he writes, "we now have an uncommunicative and discredited former Fox News official assisting a president who regularly spurns other networks in favor of Fox News."

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## SOUND BITES

"I say this as someone who was on Fox for a decade and had no beef (though little interaction) with Bill Shine: It's a disgrace that a man who, it turns out, enabled and covered up truly repulsive behavior by Roger Ailes, would get a senior White House job. Yes, I know it's the Trump White House. Yet it's still THE White House." [\[Bill Kristol\]](#)

"President Trump just made fun of the #MeToo movement at a rally in Montana on the same day that he hired Bill Shine who is accused of helping cover up sexual harassment scandals at Fox News network." [\[Yamiche Alcindor\]](#)

"Since we now pay Bill Shine's salary, feel like we're owed a full accounting of his role in covering up nearly two decades of sexual harassment and blackmail." [\[Chris Hayes\]](#)

**EPA ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT** finally resigned Thursday following a seemingly endless [string of scandals](#) in which journalists, with the help of whistleblowers, exposed corruption and ethical lapses. The Washington Post's Phil Rucker [touted](#) the work of his colleagues and journalists at other outlets as "extraordinary" and an example of "accountability journalism at its very best."

- **"Not a single story** we wrote about Scott Pruitt and his tenure at the EPA - by me or my colleagues at The NYTw as personal," the New York Times's Eric Lipton [tweeted](#). "It was about transparency, accountability, & governance. Pruitt likes to

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call it 'The Rule of Law.' He just gave us an enormous [amount] of material to write about."

- **"Scott Pruitt was a case study** in how investigative reporters keep doing their work, regardless of whether anyone in power seems to care what they say," [tweeted](#) Kyle Pope, editor of the Columbia Journalism Review. Thursday's resignation, he continued, "shows that facts, eventually and even in this administration, do matter eventually."

**NEWSROOMS ARE RARELY SILENT**, but journalists across the country stopped what they were doing at 2:33 p.m. yesterday [to honor](#) the five victims of last week's shooting at the Capital Gazette newspaper. The scene was similar at the [Baltimore Sun](#), the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), the [Chicago Tribune](#), the [Orlando Sentinel](#), [Newsday](#), the [Detroit Free Press](#), the [Arizona Republic](#), the [East Bay Times](#), and [Univision](#). CNN went silent [on air](#) while showing the Capital Gazette staff in its temporary newsroom.

- **Tronc, owner of the Baltimore Sun Media Group**, which includes the Sun and the Capital Gazette, has also dispatched reporters from papers such as the Chicago Tribune, the Virginian-Pilot, and the Allentown Morning Call to assist the Maryland paper. The New York Times [noted](#) Thursday that one of its reporters, Erica Green, has been dispatched to the Sun, where she once worked, to help out while Sun reporters fill in at the Capital Gazette.

**ED SCHULTZ DIES AT 64:** The longtime radio and TV host [died](#) Thursday in his Washington home. Schultz began his career in Fargo, North Dakota, and after decades in sports and politics, rose to national prominence during the Obama years as a liberal host on MSNBC.

- **"I'm not your quintessential liberal,"** Schultz [told me](#) after a taping of "The Ed Show" in 2009. Schultz, a burly former college football star, was a conservative before shifting left on the radio in the years before joining MSNBC. "I always thought I could play well in the big city," Schultz said at the time, "and now we're going to find out."

- **Schultz left MSNBC** in 2015 and most recently [worked for](#) Russian network RT America. "We are devastated by the news of the sudden death of our brilliant anchor, one of the best TV-Journalists in America, Ed Schultz," [said](#) RT editor in chief Margarita Simonyan.

## REMEMBERING ED

- **Rep. Keith Ellison** called Schultz an ["awesome wonderful guy."](#) while Sen. Heidi Heitkamp [remembered](#) the host as "larger than life, always prepared & ready to hold those he interviewed accountable." Many media figures weighed in, too, highlighting Schultz's dedication to covering struggles of working people.

- **"Ed Schultz fought** for the average American worker," [tweeted](#) Cenk Uygur, host of the Young Turks and a former MSNBC host. "That's [a] lonely place to be. It takes a lot of courage to risk your lucrative, prestigious mainstream media job to stand up for people - he did that. That act of courage is what he should be remembered for."

- **"When Wisconsin pushed back** against Scott Walker's anti-labor agenda, Ed Schultz threw his heart & soul into telling the story," [tweeted](#) the Nation's John Nichols. "He understood why it mattered because he understood the importance of working-class struggles. I will always value his passion and his commitment."

- **Daily Beast politics editor Sam Stein** [recalled](#) how Schultz "used to do shows from clinics where doctors gave free care to the indigent" and how "no one else would do that."

**CHARLES KOCH STEPS UP MEDIA DONATIONS:** While the Koch Brothers have been known to [aggressively](#) push back against journalists covering their businesses and political activities, the Washington Post's Paul Farhi [reports](#) that Charles Koch's foundation has increased donations to "free-speech advocacy and journalism-related projects," including the American Society of News Editors, the Poynter Institute, the Knight Foundation, and the Newseum.

- **"The contributions are welcome** in an era in which many journalism organizations are struggling financially," Farhi writes. "But they've also caused unease among some journalists about the foundation's motives and intentions. Some have wondered whether the money is an attempt to greenwash the Koch brothers' more controversial activities, such as opposing passage of the Affordable Care Act, fighting legislative efforts to combat climate change and advocating for fundamental changes in public school systems."

## REVOLVING DOOR

**Juliana Barbassa**, most recently managing editor of Americas Quarterly, is [joining](#) the New York Times as an editor focused on coverage of Latin America.

**OPENING:** [National political reporter](#) at the Washington Post.

## EXTRAS

- Hillary Clinton [will be interviewed](#) by Laurene Powell Jobs at this month's Ozy Fest, according to the Daily News.

- Washington Post film critic Ann Hornaday [writes](#) on "the art of making your political ad feel like an uplifting movie."

- Mother Jones's David Corn [gives](#) a window into Bill Shine's view of what makes good TV.



- Tesla chief Elon Musk [is attacking](#) the media again, write CNBC's Robert Ferris and Chloe Aiello.
- Elon Green [talks to](#) reporter Connie Walker of the CBC podcast "Missing & Murdered."
- And the New York Post is [out today](#) with Season 2 of Trump's "Survivor."

## KICKER

"There's definitely a journalistic personality - we're simultaneously deeply cynical and utterly committed to old-fashioned virtues of truthfulness and accuracy and grinding hard work," former Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Maryn McKenna said [to Poynter](#).

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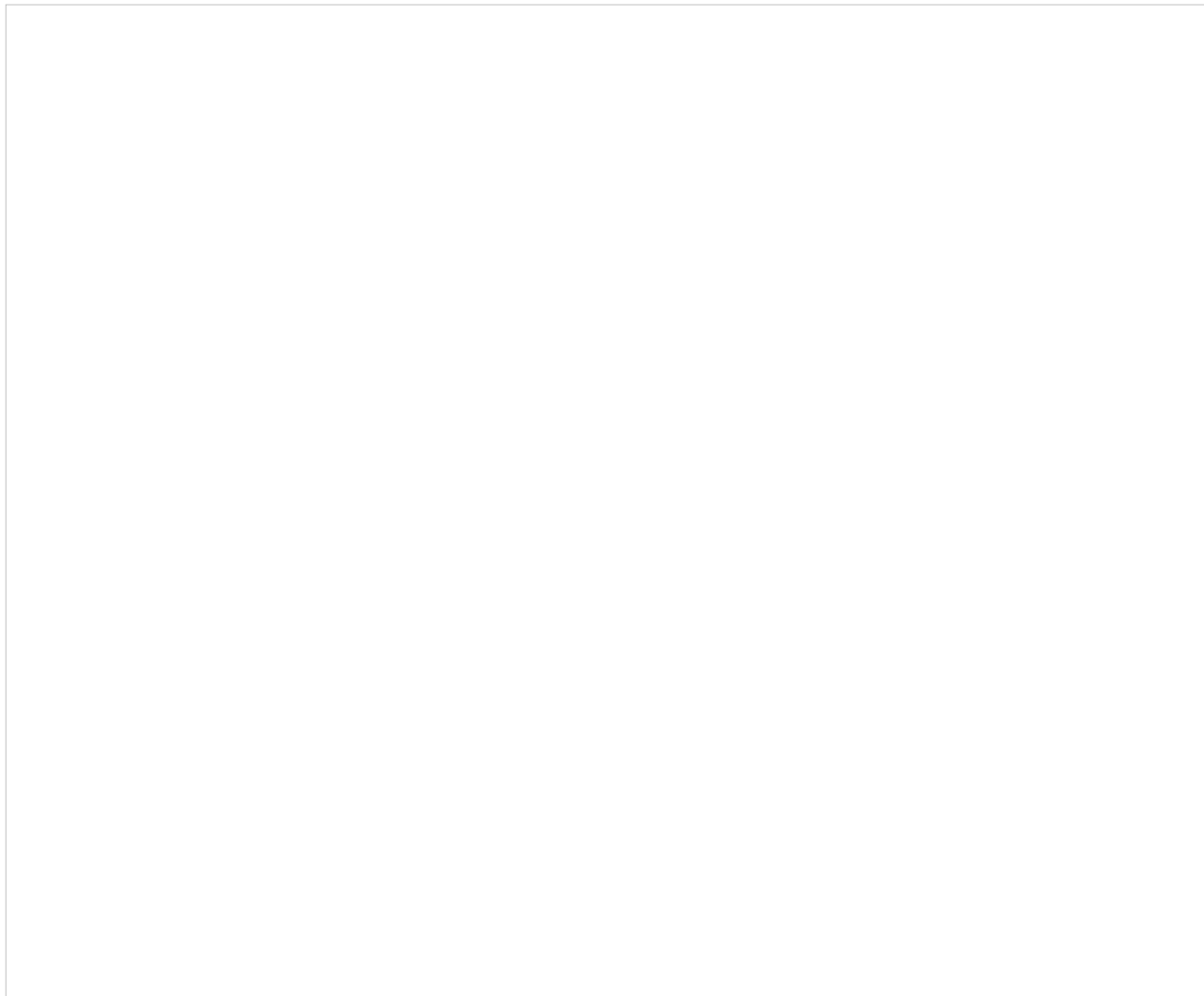


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### EAC/ASU Language Access for Voters Summit July 24

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The U.S. Election Assistance Commission is once again hosting an annual Language Access for Voters summit next Tuesday, July 24 at the Newseum in Washington, DC. Here's more from the EAC [info page](#):

*The U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Arizona State University Pastor Center for Politics and Public Service, and Democracy Fund Voice are hosting the third annual Language Access for Voters Summit at the Newseum's Knight Conference Center on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, in Washington, DC.*

*As in years past, the event convenes state and local election officials, advocates and stakeholders from language communities to discuss critical issues of language accessibility. Speakers will share experiences and observations on efforts to serve voters with language needs. Panelists representing Asian American, Latino, American Indian, Alaskan Native, and additional language communities from across the country will discuss demographic changes, the Section 203 designation process, federal requirements under the Voting Rights Act, voluntary and proactive language assistance, as well as strategies for cost-effective services. Participants will also highlight how emerging trends in election administration, such as the spread of vote centers and new election technologies, are impacting language access. The summit aims to share information, as well as generate new understanding and appreciation between various stakeholder communities.*

#### AGENDA

##### **9:00 – 9:10 am Welcome and Introductions**

- Tom Hicks, Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Alberto Olivas, Founding Executive Director, Pastor Center for Politics and Public Service, Arizona State University
- Terry Ao Minnis, Senior Fellow and Consultant, Democracy Fund Voice



**9:10 – 10:20 am Session 1: Overview – Current Issues and Looking Ahead to 2021**

The 2018 elections are the first federal general elections since the most recent Section 203 determinations. This opening session will help set the stage for the day's discussion, focusing on best practices, and practical tools for serving language minority voters for implementing Section 203 and beyond. Panelists will discuss demographic shifts and their impact for serving language needs across the nation, as well as current issues faced by covered jurisdictions and those who are close to coverage.

Moderator:

Terry Ao Minnis, Senior Fellow and Consultant, Democracy Fund Voice

Panelists:

- Julie Barker, Election Operations Supervisor, Clark County, Nevada
- Rosalind Gold, Senior Director, Policy, Research and Advocacy, NALGO Education Fund
- James Whitehorse, Chief, Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office, U.S. Census Bureau
- John C. Yang, President and Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC

**10:20 – 10:45 am Remarks from the Department of Justice** John Gore, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

**10:45 – 11:00 am Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 11:15 am Summit Talk: Deaf Culture and Access to the Vote Speaker:**

- Michelle Bishop, Voting Rights Specialist, National Disability Rights Network

**11:15 – 12:25 pm Session 2: Cost-Effective Practices for Providing Language Assistance**

Effectively providing language assistance requires an investment in resources and time. Additionally, jurisdictions must be fiscally responsible and efficient with their spending. Small and medium-sized jurisdictions with limited resources, as well as jurisdictions covered for multiple languages, face particular challenges in this regard. This session will focus on cost-effective ways to provide language assistance, from small to big ideas.

Moderator:

Christy McCormick, Vice Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Panelists:

- Sonya L. Aston, Administrator of Elections, Harris County, Texas
- Deanna Kitamura, Project Director, Voting Rights, Asian American Advancing Justice – Los Angeles
- Kathy Placencia, Administrator of Elections, Board of Canvassers and Voter Registration, Providence, Rhode Island
- Dr. James Tucker, Pro Bono Voting Counsel, Native American Rights Fund

**12:25 – 1:25 pm Lunch and Guest Speaker**

- Nellie M. Gorbea, Secretary of State, Rhode Island

**1:25 – 2:35 pm Session 3: Above and Beyond Section 203: Voluntary Assistance and Other Proactive Measures**

Section 203 has fostered language assistance for many language minority voters over the last 40 plus years. However, as effective as it has been, Section 203 is limited to specific jurisdictions that meet the thresholds. Election stakeholders have used multiple tools to go beyond Section 203 in serving their language minority voters, including voluntary language assistance to meet a community need, effective implementation of Section 208, utilization of Section 4(e) for Puerto Rican voters, and enacting state laws to expand the franchise for language minority voters. This session will explore these and other efforts to ensure that all language minority voters are able to access needed assistance and cast a meaningful vote.

Moderator:

- Stacey Scholl, Senior Program Associate, Elections, Democracy Fund Voice

Panelists:

- Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, Orange County, Florida
- Nicole L. Crispo, City Clerk, City of Quincy, Massachusetts
- Francesca Menes, Florida State Coordinator, Local Progress/Center for Popular Democracy
- Kira Romero-Craft, Managing Attorney, Southeast Regional Office, LatinoJustice PRLDEF

**2:35 – 2:50 pm Afternoon Break**

**2:50 – 3:30 pm Summit Chat: Language Community Outreach in Alaska: Building Relationships, Trust, and Tapping Cultural Knowledge**

Moderator:

- Alberto Olivas, Founding Executive Director, Pastor Center for Politics and Public Service, Arizona State University

Speakers:

- Indra Arriaga, Elections Language Assistance Compliance Manager, Alaska Division of Elections
- Walkie Charles, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Alaska Fairbanks

**3:30 – 4:45 pm Session 4: Trends in Election Administration and their Impact on Language Access**

The field of election administration is constantly changing. Recent shifts include growing alternatives to traditional precinct-based voting (e.g. vote-by-mail, early voting, vote centers) and increased focus on election technology and the auditability of voting systems. This session will look at these trends and others through the lens of language access and explore how to anticipate and meet the needs of language minority voters when considering changes to election policy or practice. Our last summit session aims to take the discussion beyond the importance of Section 203 compliance towards expanded approaches to language assistance.

Moderator:

- Tom Hicks, Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Panelists:

- Matt Beaton, Auditor, Franklin County, Washington
- Maria Bianchi, Director, Voting Information Project, Democracy Works
- Travis Lane, Assistant Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
- Whitney Quesenberry, Co-Director, Center for Civic Design
- Jonathan Stein, Staff Attorney and Program Manager – Voting Rights, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus

**4:45 – 4:55 pm Closing and Next Steps**

Kudos to the EAC, ASU, and Democracy Fund Voice for organizing the Summit; this looks like an amazing event with many of the smartest



people in the field – and if you are in the DC area, there are few places with a better view of the city than the Newseum! To register, click [here](#) ... and if you can't make it the sessions will be webcast.  
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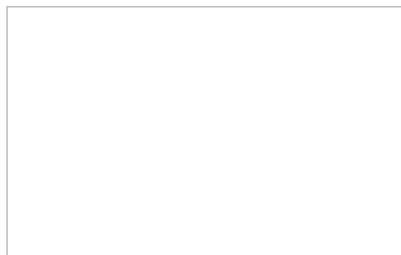
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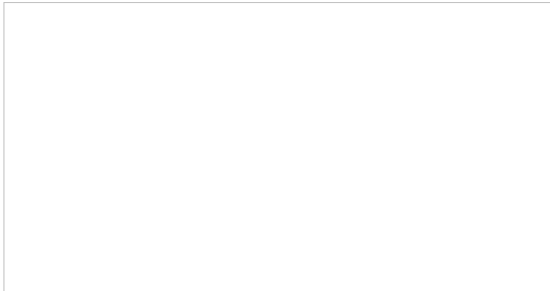
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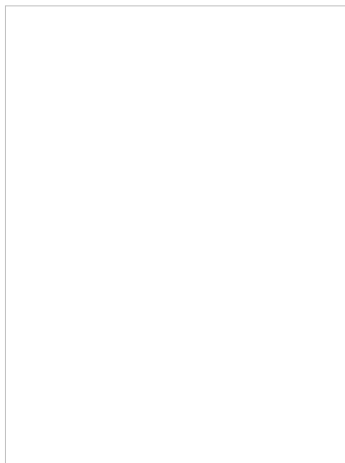
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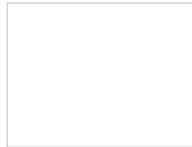
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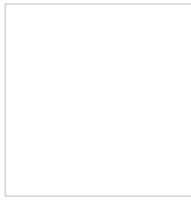
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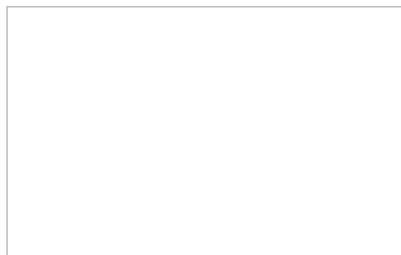
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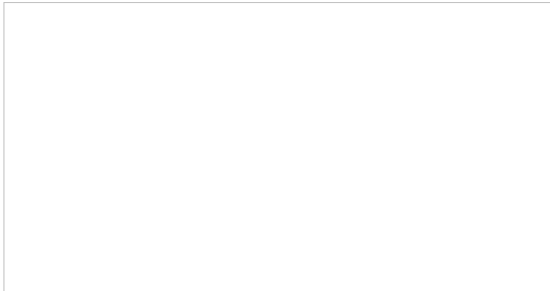
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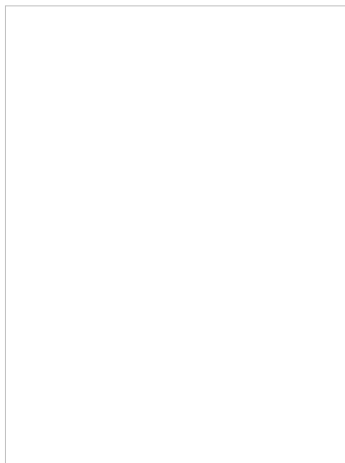
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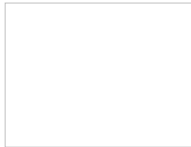
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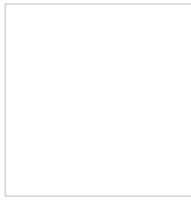
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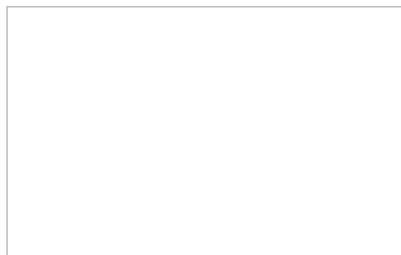
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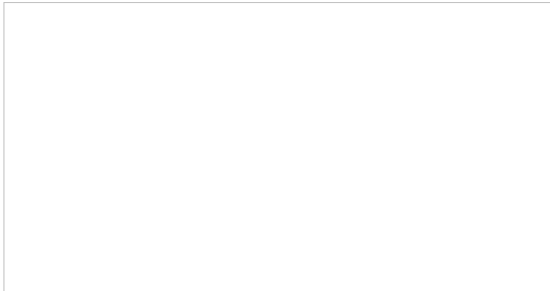
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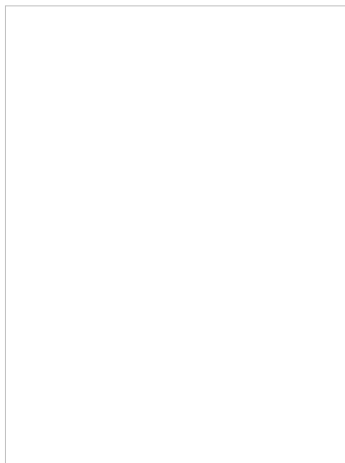
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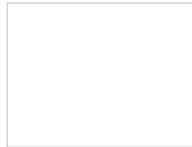
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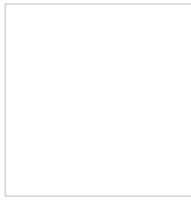
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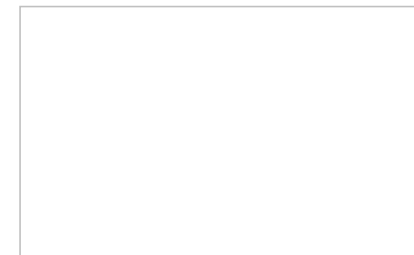
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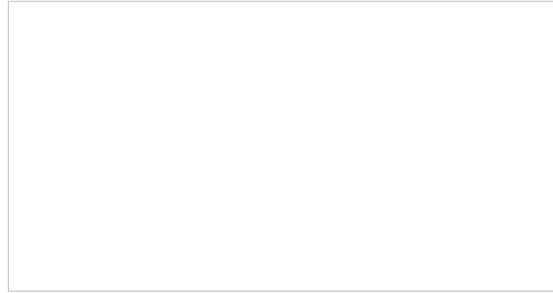
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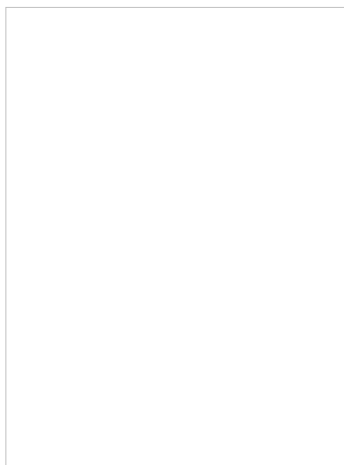
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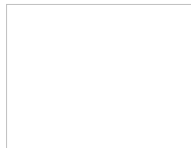
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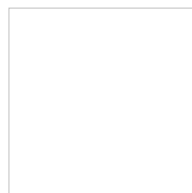
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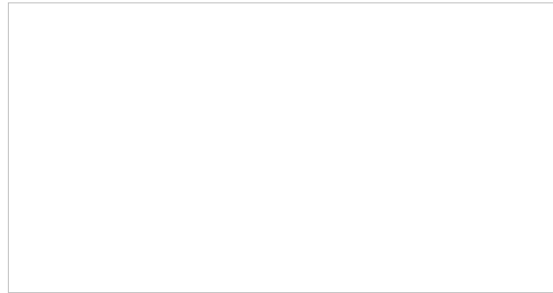
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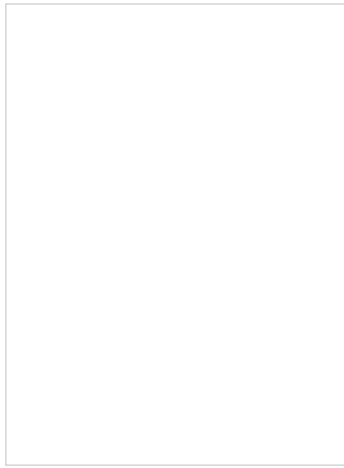
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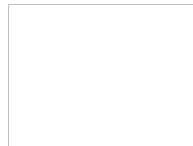
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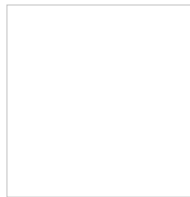
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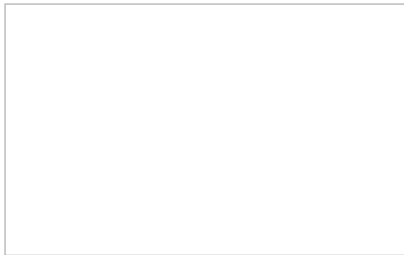
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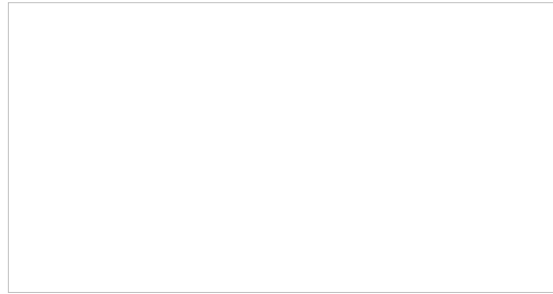
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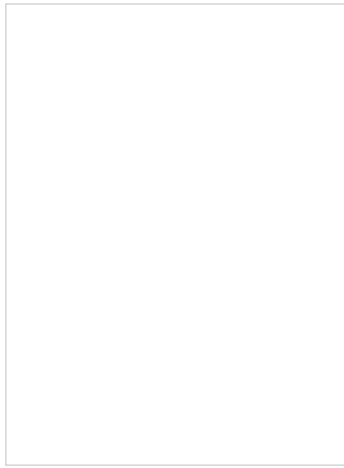
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After dinner, we went indoors for the American Idol contest where six of our very talented members performed for us. We even had our own "Ryan Seacrest, Paula, Randy & Simon" for judges. It was so much fun and everyone did a great job! Congratulations to the American Idol winner: Omarey Williams, a first-time attendee. We missed you if you weren't there!



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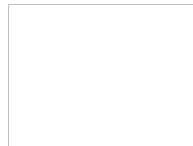
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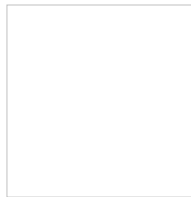
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### Clerks' Division: In the "Fix-It" Business!

At the iGO Mid-Winter Conference in Tucson, Ariz., the Clerks' and Records' Divisions heard from a panel of experts on "Recent Trends in Marriage Licensure." The Hon. Ken Boulden (New Castle, Del.), The Hon. Nora Deitzel (Boone, Mo.) and Brenna Sawyer (Fairfax, Va.) spoke on how local officials managed court-mandated and legislative changes, for same-sex marriage. The panel also shared practical tips on how to detect and prevent marriage fraud.

**In The News:** Just last week, DHS reported on federal indictments for marriage fraud, related to the terrorist case of the San Bernardino killers. [Read more.](#)

Clerks who attended classes at the conference also heard from Utah State Auditor John Dougall regarding how your "Public Audit is a Management Tool for Success." His advice is "Find a Problem, Fix a Problem!" He urged clerks to be curious, work collaboratively with the public auditor and look for "trends and patterns."



**In The News:** A recent story coming out of Georgia makes the case about identifying trends in accountability and getting your community's support for outside audits. [Read more.](#)

### Election Officials' Division

What a fantastic iGO Mid-Winter Conference in sunny, warm Tucson! Election Officials from across the U.S. and overseas converged for some well-received sun and excellent education and networking. Sessions included learning of several surprisingly helpful free resources available for election officials (presented by the Center for Technology & Civic Life), and learning about the Associated Press's Election Tabulation & Research, from its Director, Don Rehill. Dylan Smith, Chair of the nationwide Local Independent Online News Publishers, discussed how to create and maintain helpful relationships with local news reporters. The highest rated session was our Roundtable Discussion, where over 40 election officials (with jurisdictions from 2 million voters to 20,000 voters) shared best practices, successful programs, lessons learned and business cards. EAC Chair Tom Hicks and EAC Commissioner Christy McCormick shared valuable insight, as did Tammy Patrick of the Bipartisan Policy Center.

***Tell us what you want!*** Keep an eye out for a survey where you can tell us what kind of training you'd like to see at the Annual Conference this summer. Our goal is to meet YOUR needs for training and to provide an active, supportive network of election official friends across the country and world.

**In the News:** On Jan. 6, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson designated the U.S. election infrastructure as critical infrastructure. [Read more.](#) Stay tuned: iGO will provide additional details on what this designation means (and does not mean) for you and your voters.



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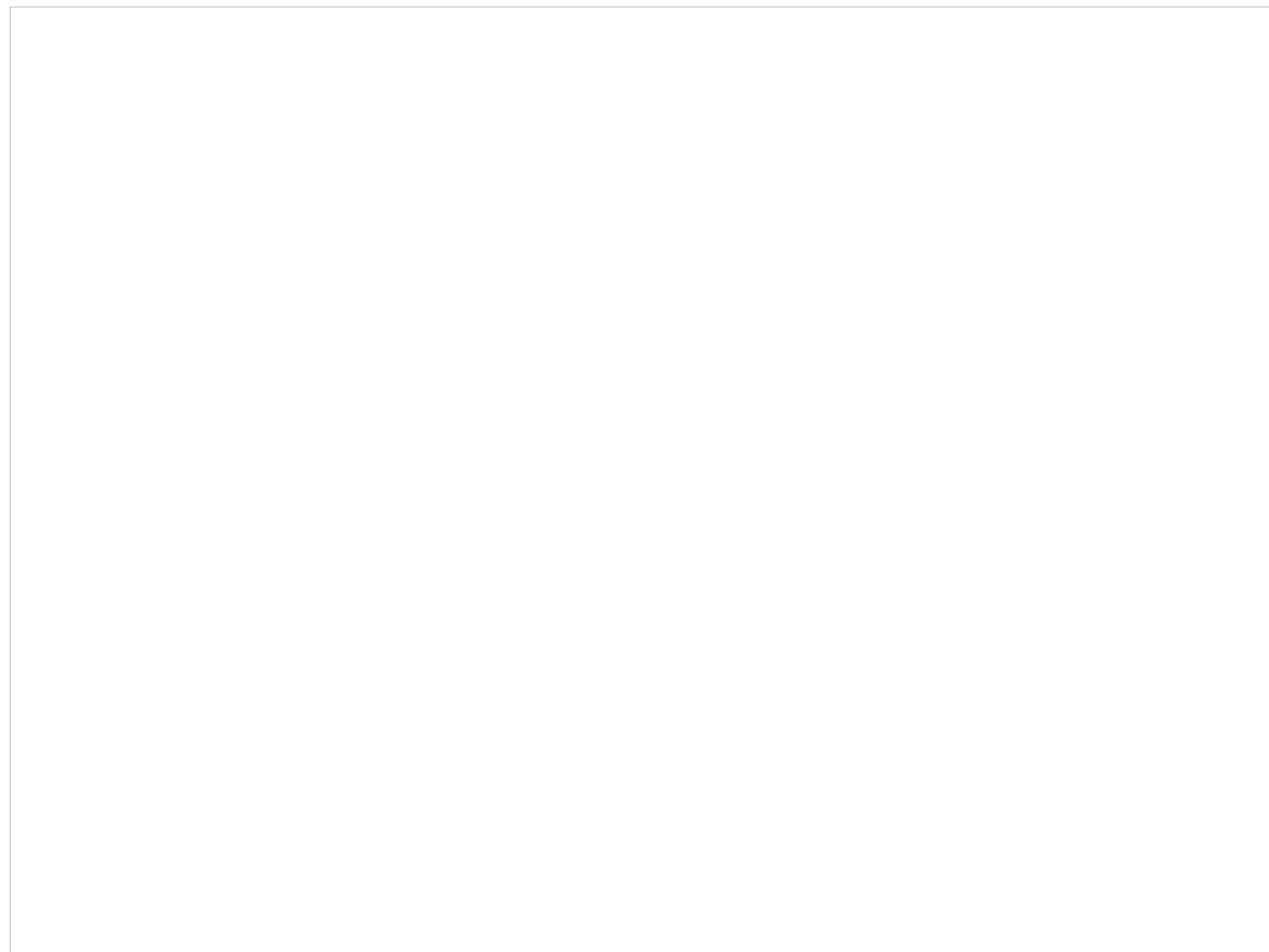
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Yesterday, I wrote about the [new functional approach to voting system standards](#) that has everyone excited. Today, as I promised, I want to follow up on another hot topic that also has people excited – albeit in a very different way.

During this week’s Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) meeting, the group heard a presentation from a representative of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on the recent designation of elections as critical infrastructure. As FCW [reports](#), the presentation left many states uncertain about what happens next:

*State election officials had more questions than answers after a [DHS] presentation explaining why election systems should be deemed **critical U.S. infrastructure**.*

*Geoff Hale, DHS’ cybersecurity strategy and integration program manager, outlined the changes and benefits that the recent **designation** provides during a Feb. 14 Election Assistance Commission meeting.*

*The primary benefits, Hale said, are added protections against nation-states, guaranteed priority in DHS assistance requests and greater access to information on vulnerabilities. “Without institutionalizing this through a designation of critical infrastructure, there’s no guarantee the services would be available,” he said.*

*“Being critical infrastructure, there are a set of international norms that” prevent countries from attacking these networks, said Hale. “And potentially waiting nine months for a risk and vulnerability assessment may not work on a procurement timeline” for election officials.*

*Hale also stressed that the “full threat information” available to states that opt in for DHS assistance is not subject to state sunshine laws or Freedom of Information Act requests.*

*In advance of the 2016 general election, several states **including Georgia** objected to the idea of a critical infrastructure designation, but most worked with DHS to make sure their voting systems were secure.*

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States still aren't sold, however – and seem particularly concerned about the lack of clarity on what exactly the designation means for them:

*Some state officials at the Feb. 14 event continued to question the need for the designation, and pressed Hale about DHS's specific plans to reach out to election officials.*

*Hale suggested the next step for DHS likely would be to set up a group of cybersecurity experts to engage willing local officials. However, he said he did not have a timeline as to when outreach might begin and was not yet sure what the engagement with election officials would look like in practice.*

*EAC commissioner Matthew Masterson asked how the designation will specifically affect how local election officials conduct their operations.*

*Hale said the designation impacts "very little" in terms of electoral operations, and was done to "institutionalize a vital aspect of our democracy." He emphasized that DHS's assistance was voluntary.*

*"We don't have any new authorities," he said. "We are here to help, but cannot compel anything."*

*Masterson told FCW he learned "DHS is beginning to figure this out now, too." He added that DHS needs to coordinate with election officials to get everyone on the same page, but noted, "they seem open to that."*

Commissioner Christy McCormick continued her opposition to the designation and said that the EAC and election officials could do this work more effectively without a formal DHS role:

*McCormick dismissed the international protections as a "handshake agreement" that she did not think "changes anything," and added that DHS "claimed that elections would [now] get priority, but I would think they would get priority anyway, so I don't know that that's a viable benefit."*

*She also said the classified information sharing proposed by DHS is moving in the wrong direction in terms of electoral transparency, and that she remained dubious of DHS's categorization of the voluntary nature of states' participation.*

*"It's not really voluntary, right, because if you don't volunteer, you don't get the information that they have," she said. "Of course states are going to have to volunteer if they want the information DHS has... Nobody's going to not participate in security measures."*

*She also raised the concern that DHS, under the purview of the executive branch, politicizes elections in a way the EAC's authority as an independent agency does not.*

*Instead, McCormick said she would like to see "EAC actually be the interface with the federal government and the election officials, as we are now."*

*"We're the experts" on election matters, she said. "There's no reason we couldn't streamline this in a way that we get information out to the election administrators in an efficient and secure way, and then DHS can provide the resources that they provided in this election."*

It's hard to assess what exactly all of this means going forward, since we have so few details on what's new and what (if anything) will change. Still, I find it hard to believe that skeptics and opponents will suddenly embrace DHS once the details emerge; moreover, I'm not seeing a whole lot of outright support for the plan either – meaning that the critical infrastructure designation is likely to have a bumpy ride for the foreseeable future.

Fasten your seat belts – and stay tuned.

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We're a day away from the halfway point of the 60-day legislative session and, because it's Tuesday and therefore the height of the lawmakers' work week, Tallahassee is tackling almost everything: gambling, abortion, school prayer and recess (no, they're not the same bill), drug-testing some welfare recipients, letting grocery stores sell liquor, ride-sharing legislation, a slavery memorial, and even a bill apologizing for the long-ago horrific atrocities committed at the Dozier School for Boys. Whew.

**THE KING'S SPEECH** - Chris King, the telegenic Democrat businessman no one ever heard of, makes his first major speech of his gubernatorial campaign in Orlando today. He'll lay out his vision for his campaign and explain that, as a businessman who pushed for affordable housing, he thinks his lack of political experience is a plus. An excerpt: "There will be those that argue that a lifetime in political office prepares them for this job; I believe that it was traditional political experience that got us into this mess and it will be fresh ideas and new leadership that will get us out of it ... The true challenge for Democrats is to offer something different, not a little different, but way different." [Watch his announcement video here](#)

**KING TO A PAUPER?** - "Wildcard candidate for governor puts in \$1M, raises another \$500k in 30 days," by Tampa Bay Times' Adam C. Smith: [Read more](#)

**WHO'S IN/OUT** - Right now, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum is King's only major Democratic opponent (three other unknowns with no apparent money have filed). Odds are better than not that former Congresswoman Gwen Graham will announce and Miami Beach Mayor Phil Levine could as well. I doubt Orlando trial lawyer John Morgan will ultimately join the Democratic primary. On the GOP side, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam is still the heavy favorite. In a year's time or so, we'll see if House Speaker Richard Corcoran challenges him for the seat Gov. Rick Scott is leaving due to term limits - perhaps to run for Senate against Democrat Bill Nelson. And that brings us to another poll...

**FULL NELSON** - Gravis Marketing, a robo-polling firm, found Sen. Nelson leading Scott 52-37 percent. Nelson has led in the last three polls, but not by that amount. It seems high. When you adjust for likely voter turnout (Republicans show in greater numbers during midterms), the race is probably close to tied. Gravis also surveyed the governor's race and found no clear frontrunners among the likely general-election candidates. Note: we usually don't write standalone stories about robo-polls (which I [explained](#) last year). [The survey is here.](#)

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**SNOWBIRD IN CHIEF** - "Trump won't pay for Mar-a-Lago trips out of pocket, spokesman said," by Palm Beach Post's Antonio Fins: "Don't expect President Donald Trump to pay for travel to and security costs at Mar-a-Lago from his own pocket. White House spokesman Sean Spicer said Monday President Donald Trump has essentially given at the office. 'So respectfully, it's like, at what point does he do enough? Spicer told reporters at a briefing. The comments came after Spicer announced the president was donating the first quarter portion of his presidential salary to the National Park Service to support battleground sites and monuments... Spicer also added that Trump had stepped away from his private his businesses, at his own expense. 'He's done quite a bit in terms of making a donation to government,' Spicer said. In terms of the check presented to the park service on Monday, it totaled \$78,333. 32, representing Trump's salary for the first quarter of 2017, pro-rated to Jan. 20, the day he took office. The president's salary totals \$400,000 annually." [Read more](#)

-@Fahrenthold: "...How quickly does the govt burn through \$78K protecting Mar-a-Lago during a POTUS visit?"

-@AmyJBrittain: "If you go by the very rough estimate of \$3 million a weekend trip to Fla (loosely based on previous GAO report), I'd say between 1-2 hours."

**MADE IN CHINA** - "The looming strategic disaster at Mar-a-Lago this week: China will try to buy off the Trump administration. It may very well succeed," by Washington Post's Daniel W. Drezner: [Read more](#)

**BANNON BUCKS** - "Steve Bannon last year earned another \$61,000 from Tallahassee group he formed," by Tampa Bay Times' Alex Leary: "Steve Bannon, President Trump's chief strategist, last year earned \$61,000 from the Tallahassee-based political research firm he formed several years ago, a new White House financial disclosure shows. That adds to the \$376,000 Bannon was paid by the Government Accountability Institute from 2012-2015. The nonprofit, run by Bannon friend Peter Schweizer, dug up research on political targets as disparate as Jeb Bush and Hillary Clinton. Bannon stepped down from GAI in August 2016 as he took an active role with Trump's campaign." [Read more](#)

**MADURO MAKE-NICE** - "Trump-tied businessmen met NSC officials, Bannon over Venezuela sanctions, sources say," by Mic's Jake Horowitz: "Five days before the resignation of National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, a pair of  
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American businessmen with ties to President Donald Trump's family attended a series of previously unreported meetings at the White House with the aim of convincing the United States to lift sanctions against Venezuela, according to two sources with knowledge of the matter." It didn't work, FYI. [Read more](#)

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**DEATH PENALTY WARS - "Scott removes Ayala from 21 additional murder cases" by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** Gov. Scott had previously reassigned the case of accused cop killer Markeith Loyd after Aramis announced she wouldn't seek the death penalty in that case or any other capital murder case, and made an argument for why the use of the death penalty is contrary to the interest of justice. But Scott's executive orders assert that "the ends of justice will be best served by the assignment of another state attorney to discharge the duties" of Ayala in each case. [Read story here](#)

- "Markeith Loyd: Now I want a lawyer, but it must be my pick," by Orlando Sentinel's Rene Stutzman and Stephanie Allen: [Read more](#)

- "Stephen Bittel Appoints Aramis Ayala to the FDP Judicial Committee," by Leslie Wimes in the Sunshine State News: [Read more](#)

**MARIJUANA WARS - "Senate moves toward more medical marijuana licenses from the start," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The Senate's favored measure to aimed at expanding access to medical marijuana cleared its first committee Monday after a series of changes that include opening up the industry to more players and allowing snowbirds to partake. The most significant policy change came in the form of an amendment that would require state regulators approve by Oct. 3 licenses for five new Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, one of which must be a member of the Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association. The Health Policy committee also amended the bill (SB 406) in a way that would speed up the process for registering additional MMTCs, requiring the approval of four new licenses for each additional 75,000 patients who register. [Read story here](#)

**ABORTION WARS - "Florida legislators push for millions of dollars to aid anti-abortion group," by Naples Daily News' Alexandra Glorioso:** "As Republicans fight abortion nationally, the Florida House is expected Tuesday to pass a bill that would steer millions of dollars annually to a support group that offers pregnant women counseling and services but refuses to refer clients for abortions. The Florida Pregnancy Care Network is a private, nonprofit tax-exempt organization created in 2006." [Read more](#)

**IMMIGRATION WARS - "Florida House bill prompts debate about constitutional rights for undocumented immigrants," by Miami Herald's Amy Sherman:** "As the Florida Legislature considers a bill to increase penalties for undocumented immigrants who have committed certain crimes, lawmakers and activists have pondered this question: What are the constitutional rights of these immigrants?" [Read more](#)

**DOWN ON AOB? - "Senate passes 'assignment of benefits' bill, despite insurance industry objections," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** state Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier ... made the assignment of benefits, or AOB, issue the top priority for his office this legislative session. He told the panel that any bill that doesn't eliminate the one-way attorney fees statute would "fall very short of being effective." [Read story here](#)

**WORKERS COMP WORK - "Workers compensation bill gets the green light after brief debate," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** Sponsored by state Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Orange Park, SB 1582 maintains the current statutory fee schedule but directs a Judge of Compensation Claims to consider whether the fees are inappropriate and, if so, allows the judge to decrease or increase the attorney fee subject to a maximum hourly rate of \$250. [Read story here](#)

**SCHOOL CHOICE AND MORE - "Voucher, testing, teacher pay bills fly through Senate ed committee," by POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** The Senate education committee approved bills that would increase the value of private school vouchers, eliminate some high school exam mandates and revise eligibility requirements for controversial teacher bonuses during a whirlwind two-hour meeting Monday. [Read story here](#)

- "House education budget panel reluctantly approves \$4M for releasing state exams," by POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman: [Read story here](#)

- "FPL plans additional solar expansion over next seven years," by POLITICO Florida's Bruce Ritchie:FPL announced it will build 2,100 megawatts of new solar across the state over the next seven years, or enough to power 420,000 homes. That includes 1,200 megawatts over four years announced last October as part of the settlement agreement. [Read story here](#)

**BLEATING SHEEP - "Mild pushback from some House members on conservation spending by POLITICO Florida's Bruce Ritchie:** Some members of a House appropriations subcommittee on Monday said they were disappointed by the lack of funding for land conservation in the chamber's proposed budget. The 2017-18 House budget proposal includes no spending for the Florida Forever land-buying program or agricultural conservation easements compared to \$50.2 million in this year's budget. [Read story here](#)

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**OBAMACARE WARS - "Marco Rubio and Obamacare: Taxpayer hero or healthcare saboteur?" by Palm Beach Post's Charles Elmore:** "Depending on your point of view, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio is a hero who saved taxpayers \$2.5 billion by killing an Obamacare bailout for insurers or a saboteur who kicked down a load-bearing wall and wants to blame the architect when the roof collapses. How the public sizes up the role of players like Florida's GOP senator matters a lot right now as Republicans try to figure out what to do next...There is talk of trying again on a comprehensive makeover of the health law. But if millions of people wind up paying up more or priced out of coverage just in time for mid-term elections, count on the blame game to hit high gear. Will folks chalk it up to inherent flaws in Obamacare? Or GOP monkey wrenches like the one from Rubio?" [Read more](#)

**TAXING QUESTION - "Miami's mayor wants an opt-out from county Airbnb tax deal," by Miami Herald's David Smiley:** "The city of Miami should be allowed to opt out of a pending deal that if approved Tuesday would allow Miami-Dade County to collect tourist taxes on home-sharing rentals, Mayor Tomás Regalado says. In a letter sent Monday to county commissioners and Mayor Carlos Gimenez, Regalado requested that they include a provision in the agreement that would allow municipalities to exclude themselves." [Read more](#)

- **"Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez: County's tax deal 'not condoning' Airbnb," by Miami Herald's Chabeli Herrera and David Smiley:** [Read more](#)

- **"There's No Affordable Housing in Miami Because Developers Block It, Study Says," by Miami New Times' Jerry Iannelli:** [Read more](#)

**SHARK! - "Great white shark spotted off Florida coast, why they're here now," by Palm Beach Post's Kimberly Miller:** "A great white shark spotted off North Florida's coast over the weekend is among a handful of sightings this year in Sunshine State waters as scientists better understand the shark's migration from New England. The most recent sighting occurred near Fernandina Beach where two fisherman got video of what they estimate to be a 14-foot long great white, according to NBC 6 news in Miami. White sharks are known to migrate south during winter, spending time as far down as the Florida Keys." [Read more](#)

- **"Feds: new rules would protect threatened dusky sharks," by AP's staff** [Read more](#)

- **"Expert: Shark recognized girl as 'large prey item'," by NWF Daily News' Wendy Victoria** [Read more](#)

**ANCIENT MIGRATION - "Turtle power: Endangered species spawn on Florida beaches," by USA Today's Sarah Sekula:** "Visit Siesta Key on Florida's Gulf Coast this time of year and the scene will be exactly as you'd expect: a mixture of teens spring breaking on the famous silky, white sand and snowbirds combing the shores for shells. It's a calming respite for many. Soon enough, another annual visitor will show up, also seeking refuge. Once May rolls around, mama sea turtles will make their way to Sarasota County for nesting season. They arrive quietly in the wee hours, so chances are, you will never even notice them. That said, it may come as a surprise that Sarasota County has the highest density of turtle nests on the Gulf Coast, hosting up to 6,000 nests a year, and the east coast of Florida hosts up to 40,000. Even more impressive, Florida's beaches host the largest aggregation of nesting loggerheads in the world." [Read more](#)

**SANDS OF TIME - "Erosion woes: As beaches degrade, Collier leaders weigh shift from truck hauls," by Naples Daily News' Ryan Mills and Eric Staats:** [Read more](#)

**ZIKA UPDATE - "So Far, No Disease-Carrying Mosquitoes Found in Miami Area," by AP's staff:** "Officials say no disease-carrying mosquitoes have been found so far this year in the Miami area. But the head of Miami-Dade County's mosquito control operations says he's prepared to recommend aerial pesticide spraying to stamp out any reemergence of the Zika virus. Chalmers Vasquez also said Monday that aggressive code enforcement was essential to eliminating mosquito breeding sites." [Read more](#)

- **"Miami-Dade outlines aggressive mosquito control plan," by AP's Jennifer Kay:** [Read more](#)

**ALL ABOARD? - "The Right Way to Run a Railroad," by Bloomberg's Ramesh Ponnuru** "The company behind Brightline, All Aboard Florida, wants it to link Orlando and Miami in a trip that takes less than three hours. Taxpayers are not being asked to provide construction grants or operating subsidies for the new train service, which is being financed by tax-exempt bonds. Investors are expecting passengers to recoup them, and they, rather than taxpayers, will bear the losses if their expectations are not met." [Read more](#)

**PULSE MASSACRE - "Twitter, Facebook targeted by more Pulse shooting victims," by Orlando Sentinel's Paul Brinkmann:** "Ten new plaintiffs have joined a federal lawsuit that targets Twitter, Google, and Facebook with allegations that ISIS used social media to radicalize the Pulse nightclub gunman. The lawsuit is the second in recent weeks where more than a dozen Pulse victims or their families are now suing over the tragedy." [Read more](#)

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**CHAMPION - "Delray boy with no arms wows on basketball court," by WPEC's Al Pefley:** "A South Florida teen has become a sudden Internet sensation for his inspirational athletic skills on the basketball court. He's far from your typical athlete, reports Sun Sentinel news partner WPEC-Ch. 12. Jamarion Styles, 13, doesn't need arms to shoot three-pointers on the basketball court. He just lets it fly and the ball finds the net. 'I love the game, personally. My teammates help me out good and my school is good,' said Jamarion." [Read more](#)

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**THE MERCERS AREN'T MAKING IT ANY EASIER FOR BREITBART TO GET PRESS CREDENTIALS-** America has been getting to know the Mercer family (not least of all from [this Jane Mayer epic](#) in the March 27 issue of The New Yorker), whose billions helped bring Trump across the finish line in November. We recently learned, for instance, that the conservative Republican mega-donors happen to be [part owners of Breitbart](#). Now, it appears their stake in the website is stymieing Breitbart's Capitol Hill access. A decision on whether to grant congressional press credentials to Breitbart journalists was delayed yesterday because, [as Hadas Gold reports](#), members of the approving committee "were not satisfied with the information provided thus far regarding the right-wing website's connections to the White House and the Republican mega-donor family the Mercers. ... Of concern to the committee was the presence on the masthead of at least two people ... who are both also both part of the Mercer-funded Government Accountability Institute." [Did we mention you should really read the Jane Mayer piece?](#)

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**THE PRO-TRUMP MEDIA MINEFIELD** - A couple weeks ago, New York Times public editor Liz Spayd [appeared to get taken by Mike Cernovich and other alt-right rabble-rousers](#), whose pitchforks were out for Times culture writer Sopot Deb. On "60 Minutes" this past Sunday, it seemed as if Cernovich outfoxed Scott Pelley in an exchange pertaining to the conspiracy theories about Hillary Clinton's health: "Cernovich: How do you know? Who told you that? Pelley: Well, the campaign told us that." (See the irony, here?) BuzzFeed's Charlie Warzel analyzed the two instances and came to a conclusion [about what they represent](#): "a warning to newsrooms and reporters who find themselves dipping their toes into the MAGA media fever swamp to take the other side seriously and to understand the legitimacy that personalities like Cernovich carry with their vocal followers. Put another way: Know your enemy and stop giving them ammunition."

**LIGHTS OFF AT STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS ROOM-** [via WSJ](#): "For the first six weeks of the Trump administration, the State Department didn't hold a single on-camera press briefing -- long a fixture of U.S. diplomatic communications -- finally beginning them on March 7. Less than three weeks later, they've stopped again. Officials said the on-camera briefings won't resume for at least two weeks as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson moves to get a permanent spokesperson in place. Mark Toner, a career foreign service officer who has been the department's acting spokesman, is slated for another assignment. He might return to the podium on camera later this month, but the Trump administration doesn't yet have a full-time spokesperson in place."

**SEAN HANNITY V. TED KOPPEL ROUND 2-** Hannity, on his Fox News show last night, doubled down on his criticism of the august newsmen, who said to Hannity during a "CBS Sunday Morning" interview that he believes Hannity is bad for America because, "You have attracted people who are determined that ideology is more important than facts." [Hannity](#): "Ted's interview with me wasn't about substance, it wasn't about getting my real opinion. The story was written long before he walked into this studio at Fox. I was just used as a prop to advance his narrative." CBS is staying mum.

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- "At Site of Deaths, Our Reporters Find Cost of U.S.-ISIS Battle" [\[NYT\]](#)
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**THE ATLANTIC CROSSES THE ATLANTIC** - A new London-based global bureau will include 10 employees, captained on the editorial side by 43-year Atlantic veteran James Fallows, serving as The Atlantic's inaugural Europe editor. The expansion marks a significant investment for the 160-year-old current affairs publication now under the editorship of Jeffrey Goldberg. It also reflects a trend over the past few years of American publications (POLITICO, BuzzFeed, Business Insider, Breitbart, to name a few) carving out European footprints. With Europe confronting its own wave of nationalist populism; elections on the horizon in France and Germany; and Great Britain on the verge of commencing its European Union exit, there's lots to cover -- and lots of competition, too. The Atlantic said in an [announcement yesterday](#) that global readers account for nearly 30 percent of its 33 million monthly web visitors.

**NEWSPAPER WAR DU JOUR** - It's not NYT v. WaPo, or even Daily News v. New York Post. But for residents of journalist haven Montclair, N.J. -- as Morning Media can attest first-hand -- it's nonetheless a hot topic for cocktail parties and Facebook posts. And it was only a matter of time before The New York Times got a piece of the action: "[New Newspaper](#)"  
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[Prompts War of Weeklies in New Jersey Suburb](#) ." Rick Rojas reports: "Earlier this month, the new [Montclair Local] arrived for the first time in mailboxes around town. A local family decided to pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into starting a news organization from scratch, hiring reporters to cover zoning board meetings and high-school wrestling tournaments and whatever else residents in this New Jersey suburb care about. ... The debut has touched off a modern version of an old-fashioned newspaper war, with a fledgling independent newcomer pitting itself against a community staple [The Montclair Times], printed since 1877, that has had cuts in coverage and staffing after it was bought by a major publishing company [Gannett]."

**And of course there's a Trump angle:** "The Montclair Local arrives at what some view as a potential watershed moment for journalism, as the animosity the Trump administration has directed at the news media has injected new vigor into a beleaguered industry." [Read on.](#)

**SPEAKING OF NEWSPAPER WARS** - The Times has the [latest on the boardroom battle unfolding at Los Angeles Times/Chicago Tribune/Baltimore Sun owner Tronc](#) : "Patrick Soon-Shiong, a billionaire doctor in Los Angeles and a major shareholder in the newspaper publisher Tronc, has sent a letter to Tronc's board accusing the company of 'poor corporate governance' and asking for access to its books and records. The move escalates an increasingly public feud between Dr. Soon-Shiong, Tronc's vice chairman, and Michael W. Ferro Jr., its nonexecutive chairman, who have vied to increase their stakes in the company in apparent attempts to outmaneuver each other for control."

#### SOUND BITES:

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-- "The March edition of Silurian News arrives with this classic photo of one @maggieNYT at age 8, and Mayor Ed Koch" [Margaret Sullivan](#)

**TRACKING THE TRUMP TRACKERS** - They've become something of a journalistic micro-genre, with recent examples including The New York Times' "[Tracking Trump's Agenda, Step by Step](#)"; CNN's "[Tracking Trump's Promises](#)"; and Carty Media's [Factbase](#) , which aims to track everything Trump has ever said publicly or tweeted. The latest entrant will arrive tomorrow when Forbes introduces the "American Dream Index," which will track the president's "make America great again" promise state by state based on seven indicators of economic health, according to a Forbes rep. There are [lots more where those came from](#).

**RUSSIA REPORT** - News of about a dozen journalists detained while covering Sunday's nationwide protests has gained traction in Western media circles. One of them was Alec Luhn, a Guardian photojournalist who [wrote an account of his experience](#) : "I raised my phone to take a photo as riot police suddenly began detaining protesters, but before I could get the picture a pair of thick arms grabbed me. A trooper in a black helmet and flak jacket was barrelling me toward a police van. ... I showed officers my Russian foreign ministry accreditation and said I was there doing my job. When I began filming them, they seized my phone. ... I've witnessed many unfounded arrests and farcical trials in more than six years reporting in Russia. But I was still shocked at how roughly police detained several peaceful demonstrators and a foreign journalist in this instance." [Statement from the Committee to Protect Journalists](#) "Obstructing journalists trying to cover protests is crude censorship, and a clear violation of Russians' right to receive information of significant national and global interest."

#### REVOLVING DOOR:

-- **Josh Earnest's Twitter bio:** "More time on my hands than I have had in a while. Figuring out what good to do with it." How bout NBC News/MSNBC political analysts? The former Obama White House press secretary [made his debut](#) as such on "Today" yesterday.

-- **IJR video producer Colin Chocola is the latest employee to bail** amid concerns about the conservative digital news publication's direction, [Hadas Gold reports](#).

-- **Gabriel Escobar has been named editor of the Philadelphia Media Network editor** a role in which he will take charge "of the entire news report" for the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Daily News and philly.com, [according to an announcement](#).

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#### EXTRAS:

-- Meet Steve Bannon's man in the Middle East: Breitbart Jerusalem bureau chief Aaron Klein. [McClatchy](#)

-- A new Oxford study found that a quarter of web content shared on Twitter by people in a key Midwest battleground state during the final days of the election was "fake news." [FT](#)

-- Jack Shafer: "The Three Lame Stories the Press Writes About Every President" [POLITICO Mag](#)



-- Democracy Fund and First Look Media have teamed up to provide \$12 million in grants to nonprofit outlets including the Center for Investigative Reporting, the Center for Public Integrity and ProPublica. [[Democracy Fund](#)]

-- Inside an after-school workshop that trains Philly youth in how to distinguish legitimate news reports from dubious once. [[The New Yorker](#)]

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- **"Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez: County's tax deal 'not condoning' Airbnb," by Miami Herald's Chabeli Herrera and David Smiley:** [Read more](#)

- **"There's No Affordable Housing in Miami Because Developers Block It, Study Says," by Miami New Times' Jerry Iannelli:** [Read more](#)

**SHARK! - "Great white shark spotted off Florida coast, why they're here now," by Palm Beach Post's Kimberly Miller:** "A great white shark spotted off North Florida's coast over the weekend is among a handful of sightings this year in Sunshine State waters as scientists better understand the shark's migration from New England. The most recent sighting occurred near Fernandina Beach where two fisherman got video of what they estimate to be a 14-foot long great white, according to NBC 6 news in Miami. White sharks are known to migrate south during winter, spending time as far down as the Florida Keys." [Read more](#)

- **"Feds: new rules would protect threatened dusky sharks," by AP's staff** [Read more](#)

- **"Expert: Shark recognized girl as 'large prey item'," by NWF Daily News' Wendy Victoria** [Read more](#)

**ANCIENT MIGRATION - "Turtle power: Endangered species spawn on Florida beaches," by USA Today's Sarah Sekula:** "Visit Siesta Key on Florida's Gulf Coast this time of year and the scene will be exactly as you'd expect: a mixture of teens spring breaking on the famous silky, white sand and snowbirds combing the shores for shells. It's a calming respite for many. Soon enough, another annual visitor will show up, also seeking refuge. Once May rolls around, mama sea turtles will make their way to Sarasota County for nesting season. They arrive quietly in the wee hours, so chances are, you will never even notice them. That said, it may come as a surprise that Sarasota County has the highest density of turtle nests on the Gulf Coast, hosting up to 6,000 nests a year, and the east coast of Florida hosts up to 40,000. Even more impressive, Florida's beaches host the largest aggregation of nesting loggerheads in the world." [Read more](#)

**SANDS OF TIME - "Erosion woes: As beaches degrade, Collier leaders weigh shift from truck hauls," by Naples Daily News' Ryan Mills and Eric Staats:** [Read more](#)

**ZIKA UPDATE - "So Far, No Disease-Carrying Mosquitoes Found in Miami Area," by AP's staff:** "Officials say no disease-carrying mosquitoes have been found so far this year in the Miami area. But the head of Miami-Dade County's mosquito control operations says he's prepared to recommend aerial pesticide spraying to stamp out any reemergence of the Zika virus. Chalmers Vasquez also said Monday that aggressive code enforcement was essential to eliminating mosquito breeding sites." [Read more](#)

- **"Miami-Dade outlines aggressive mosquito control plan," by AP's Jennifer Kay:** [Read more](#)

**ALL ABOARD? - "The Right Way to Run a Railroad," by Bloomberg's Ramesh Ponnuru** "The company behind Brightline, All Aboard Florida, wants it to link Orlando and Miami in a trip that takes less than three hours. Taxpayers are not being asked to provide construction grants or operating subsidies for the new train service, which is being financed by tax-exempt bonds. Investors are expecting passengers to recoup them, and they, rather than taxpayers, will bear the losses if their expectations are not met." [Read more](#)

**PULSE MASSACRE - "Twitter, Facebook targeted by more Pulse shooting victims," by Orlando Sentinel's Paul Brinkmann:** "Ten new plaintiffs have joined a federal lawsuit that targets Twitter, Google, and Facebook with allegations that ISIS used social media to radicalize the Pulse nightclub gunman. The lawsuit is the second in recent weeks where more than a dozen Pulse victims or their families are now suing over the tragedy." [Read more](#)

... **ODDS, ENDS AND FLORIDA MEN ...**

- **"Famed Key West emerald collection to be auctioned," by Keys News Adam Linhardt:** [Read more](#)

- **"In downtown Clearwater, Scientology's bid for an expanded role is a matter of scripture," by Tampa Bay Times' Tracey McManus:** [Read more](#)

- **"Taxpayers Revolt Bus Tour makes stop in Orlando," by The Orlando Political Observer's Frank Torres** [Read more](#)

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- "Deputies: Hernando man stabbed ex-girlfriend with sword, ran her over with truck," by WFLA's staff [Read more](#)
- "Woman charged in Sandy Hook parent threat arrested in Tampa Bay area," by AP's staff [Read more](#)
- "Legoland Florida Resort expands measures to welcome kids with autism," by The Ledger's Gary White [Read more](#)
- "North Port discusses plastic bag ban," by Herald-Tribune's Earle Kimmel [Read more](#)
- "German airliner grounded 10 days after rat boards in Florida," by AP's staff [Read more](#)
- "Suspect escapes through hole in Orange City Police bathroom ceiling," by The Daytona Beach News-Journal's Patricio G. Balona: [Read more](#)
- "Man with gun, machete caught stealing at Walmart," by ABC7's staff: [Read more](#)

**CHAMPION - "Delray boy with no arms wows on basketball court," by WPEC's Al Pefley:** "A South Florida teen has become a sudden Internet sensation for his inspirational athletic skills on the basketball court. He's far from your typical athlete, reports Sun Sentinel news partner WPEC-Ch. 12. Jamarion Styles, 13, doesn't need arms to shoot three-pointers on the basketball court. He just lets it fly and the ball finds the net. 'I love the game, personally. My teammates help me out good and my school is good,' said Jamarion." [Read more](#)

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Click [here](#) to view the Shutterfly albums. Our photographer captured some great shots in the sessions and at the social events.



#### April 4

##### **FIRST TUESDAY Call-In Show**, 7:30 pm ET.

Sponsored by NFRW Region 8, this month's guests are **Catherine Engelbrecht**, founder and president of True the Vote and **Heidi Mund**, "The Brave German Woman."

Dial-in number:

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#### April 5-6

##### **Texas FRW Legislative Day**, Sheraton Austin at the Capitol, Austin, TX.

Networking, time on the Hill, and workshops joined by NFRW President

**Carrie Almond** (Belles 'n Boots the night before) Click [here](#) for more information.

#### April 7-8

##### **Arkansas FRW Biennial Convention**, Hilton Garden Inn, West Little Rock, AR, with NFRW President **Carrie Almond**. Click [here](#) for registration information.

#### April 8

##### **Iowa FRW Spring Board Meeting**, "Passing the Torch... Building Tomorrow's Leaders," Marriott, West Des

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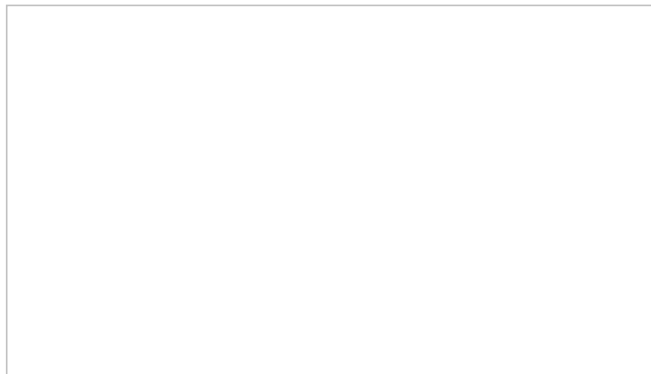
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Trump Ducks, Elvis and Rosie, #WearShades, Bottles & Bling, and "You Go Girl"... The NFRW Board Meeting at the famed Peabody Hotel in Memphis will be remembered for many things. Here's just a sampling.

### Just Say "Yes"

Friday's "You Go Girl" panel featured a lively discussion moderated by NFRW Member-at-Large **Ann Schockett** with three of the region's elected women political leaders sharing their experience and advice for women running for office.



You Go Girl: Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge recalls being asked as a candidate if she was tough enough for the office. Her response, "If a girl can make it through Junior High School, she can make it through anything."

*"It makes a tremendous difference when women see other women in positions of leadership," Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball noted. "There is nothing more effective than seeing someone run for office and succeed and think, I can do that." Ball added: "The Republican women in Kentucky were my greatest supporters."*

Representing the millennial generation was **Chassity Martin**. At age 20 and while still in college, she was elected to the Collinwood (TN) County Commission, becoming one of the youngest female elected officials in the nation. *"The more women run for office, the more women will be elected to office," she predicted. When asked about "women's issues," she responded "All issues are women's issues. We are not an*

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Moines, IA, with Lt. Gov. **Kim Reynolds**. Click [here](#) for details.

April 9-11

**Florida FRW "Tally Days,"** Doubletree Hotel, Tallahassee, FL. Click [here](#) for details.

April 11

**South Carolina FRW Spring Meeting & Legislative Day,** The Palmetto Club, Columbia, SC. Special State House Ghost Tour and "Tea at the Mansion" sponsored by Gov. **Henry McMaster** and First Lady **Peggy**.

April 21-22

**Colorado FRW Spring Board Meeting,** Elegante Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO. NFRW President **Carrie Almond** will speak at dinner.

April 28-29

**Virginia FRW Annual Convention,** "Building Unity One Star at a Time," Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA. NFRW President **Carrie Almond** will speak at Saturday banquet. Click [here](#) for information.

### **The Week's NFRW Poll Question:**

If Senate Democrats filibuster the nomination of **Neil Gorsuch** to the Supreme Court, should Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** change the Senate rules to break the filibuster and move the nomination to a final vote?

Click [here](#) to make your voice heard.

### **Previous Poll Results:**

What should be next on **President Trump's** agenda - tax reform, infrastructure bill, or renegotiating trade deals?

**Comments:** " They need to work on infrastructure because that would be something the Democrats would be the most likely to come to the table and work with them on. This

underpowered minority."

"We have to be willing to step out from behind the curtain - step out on the stage," advised Arkansas Attorney General **Leslie Rutledge**, who recently added Vice Chair of the Republican Attorneys General Association to her credentials. Observing that women need to be asked, she issued an invitation: "Consider yourself asked... Your state needs you, your communities need you. I can sleep very well at night knowing I'm serving the people of Arkansas."

### **Tennessee Trio of Leaders Praise NFRW**

NFRW leaders heard from Tennessee political and congressional leaders, who had high praise for the work of the Federation.

"The reason Donald J. Trump is in the White House is because of Republican women," Tennessee GOP Chair **Scott Golden** said during his luncheon remarks.

"Any politician, any candidate, recognizes early on that if they don't have a Republican Women's Club working for them, they don't have a prayer," remarked Congressman **David Kustoff**. The first-term member observed: "This is a very special time in our history. We've got the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. We have to lead."

"Thank you all for the amazing job you did in helping push mental health legislation over the bar last year... and for what you did to help elect Donald Trump,"

Congresswoman

**Marsha Blackburn**

began before sharing lessons of the 2016 election. She left with a call to action:

"Be aggressive in this fight" and urged everyone to follow their members.

### **Message from Senator Tom Cotton**

The sentiments were echoed by Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton, who was unable to attend, but sent a message via video.

Sen. **Tom Cotton** Video Address to NFRW

### **Taking Care of Business**

Several important items of business were accomplished at the Spring Board meeting:

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would lower the temperature between the parties and then maybe there would be more of a chance to actually get Republican ideas passed as bills. Of course, if the Republican factions that are so selfish that everything has to be their way or the highway, will not agree with other Republicans nothing will get done - ever - by Republicans."

"It's about JOBS. We can get a coalition in support of Infrastructure. Let's get America working again!"

"Renegotiate trade deals first. Bring businesses back home. With more Americans working, we can pay our taxes and give Americans jobs fixing the infrastructure!"

#### More Political News:

[Weekly Standard](#)  
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- **Election of the Nominating Committee** charged with recommending an officer slate to lead the Federation in 2018-19: **Theresa Kosmoski** (TX, chair), **Karen Evans** (WV), **Melonaie Gullick** (AR), **Gena Gore** (LA), **Marilyn Harris** (CO), **Brenda Smith** (KS) and **Linda Lee Tarver** (MI). **Lori Piotrowski** (NV) and **Shirley Mark** (CA) will serve as alternates. Click [here](#) for procedures for submitting material to the committee.
- **Bylaws Amendments** were recommended to be voted on at the 2017 Biennial Convention in Philadelphia. You can find them [here](#). Convention Chairman **Mary Barket** reported that "the Liberty Bell is back in Philadelphia and waiting for you!"
- **Site Selection** for the NFRW's 2019 Biennial Convention - we will race toward Indy where **Monica Koslowski** and **Suzanne Heinzmann** (pictured right) and the Indiana Federation promise Hoosier Hospitality will be on hyper-drive.
- **Resolutions Adopted**. The Board adopted seven resolutions: advocating confirmation of Judge **Neil Gorsuch** to the U.S. Supreme Court; congratulating President **Donald J. Trump** and Vice President **Mike Pence**; recognizing and honoring **Elaine Chao**, **Betsy DeVos**, **Linda McMahon** and **Heather Wilson**, **Kellyanne Conway**, and the Republican women newly elected to the 115th Congress and leading the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations; honoring **Melania Trump**, and defeating indoctrination in public education. The full text of the resolutions can be found [here](#).

The NFRW has a message for the US Senate: Get on Board and confirm Judge Gorsuch without delay. Read the press release [here](#) and the Action Alert [here](#).

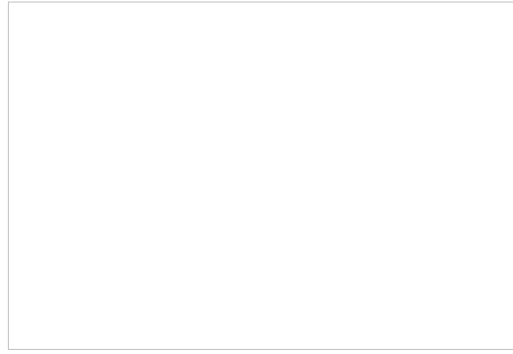
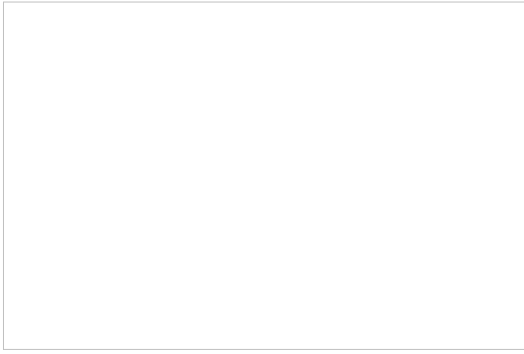
#### Fundraising and FUN-raising

NFRW meetings are not all hard work - and in Memphis, Board members and guests found plenty of opportunities to celebrate - often raising money for the NFRW while having a good time.

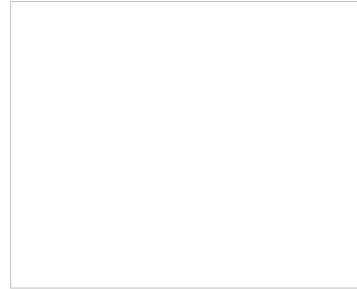
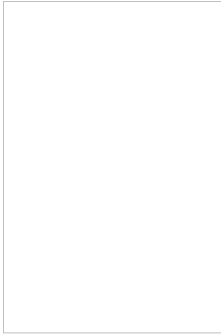
The "The Donald" Duck made its debut, with a call to "Take Quack America." Included in the \$25 purchase price was a chance to serve as Honorary Duckmaster.

The lucky duck was held by Oregon Federation President **Jan Williamson**, an experienced animal trainer. Jan delighted in escorting the famed Peabody ducks as they made their evening march from the lobby fountain to the Duck Palace on the roof.

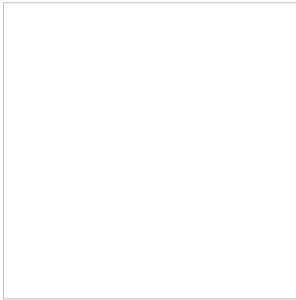




There was plenty of bling at the NFRW store, which did a brisk business over the weekend. There were bottles of Trump Wine for auction, and a Bottles & Bling networking reception.



No trip to Memphis would be complete without a visit from Elvis, who had the Regents Rocking.



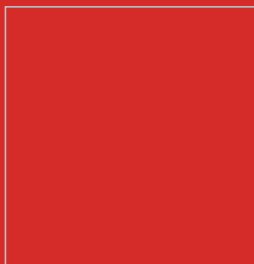
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### The #WearShades Movement Swept the NFRW Board Meeting...

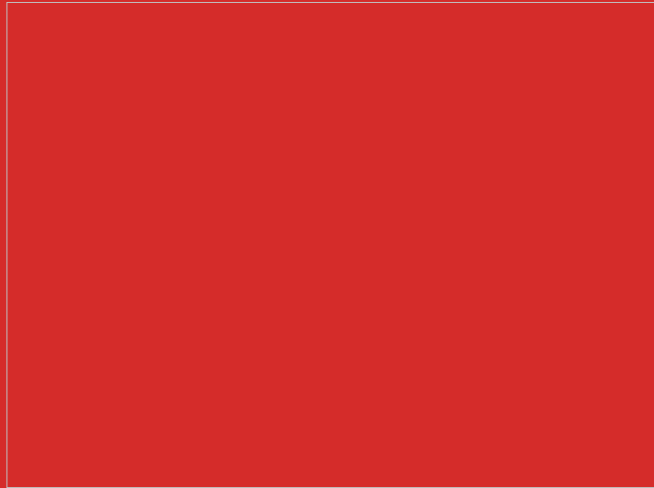
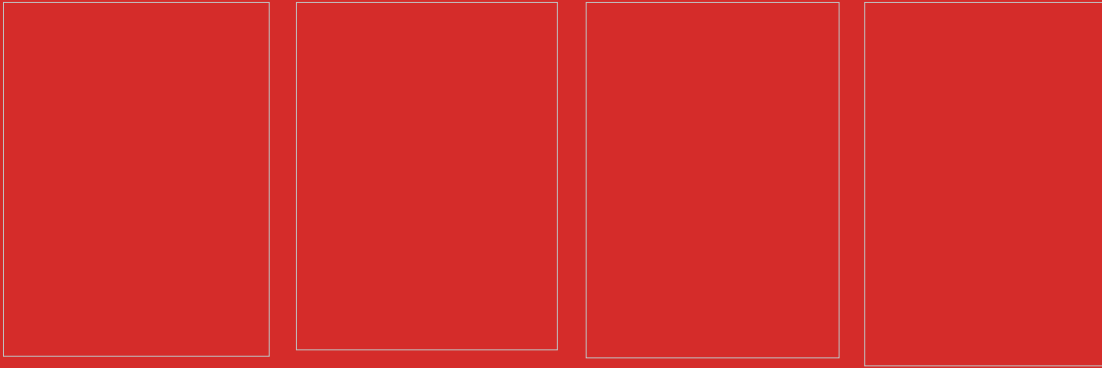
The meeting opened Friday morning with the Executive Committee sporting Elvis shades.



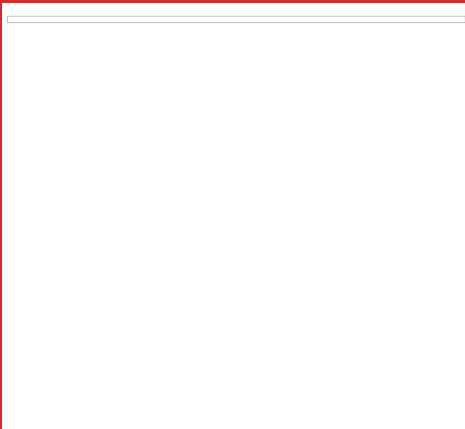
**Patt Parker** and the PR Committee revved things up at lunch, unveiling exclusive red NFRW sunglasses complete with #WearShades on the arm that had everyone smiling and shooting selfies.







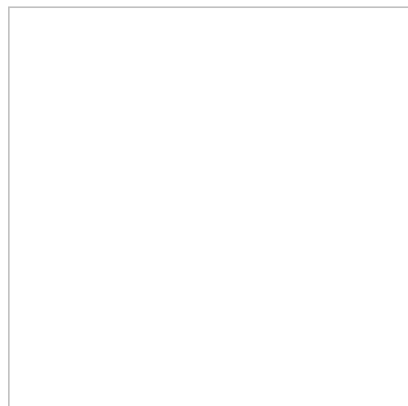
And of course, Rosie had to get into the act, pulling everyone on board.



The signature sunglasses (as well as MAGA bling pins and "The Donald" Duck are available for purchase at the NFRW Store. Get yours today!

Click [here](#).

(Watch for t-shirts coming soon).



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## THE FOUR MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN TRUMPWORLD THIS WEEK

- **Policy flip-flops:** President Donald Trump began to back off some of his key campaign positions this week, including his stance on the usefulness of NATO and the role of the Export-Import Bank. He reversed his rhetoric on the North Atlantic alliance on Wednesday, [calling the bloc](#) "no longer obsolete" while standing next to NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. And in [an interview](#) with The Wall Street Journal, the president walked back his previous comments about Fed Chair Janet Yellen and his labeling of China as a "currency manipulator," as well as the Ex-Im Bank. [More](#). These moves toward more moderate policy positions are already infuriating his [base](#).

- **Shake-up city:** It hasn't been a great week for Steve Bannon. The narrative out of Washington has been that the chief strategist is on the outs with the president, amid reports that Bannon is feuding with Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. "Steve is a good guy, but I told them to straighten it out or I will," Trump [told](#) the New York Post on Tuesday. As the relationship between Kushner and Bannon has deteriorated, POLITICO's Josh Dawsey and Eliana Johnson [report](#) that adviser/speechwriter Stephen Miller is making sure his colleagues know he's not on Team Bannon.

- **U.S. drops 'mother of all bombs':** The Defense Department announced Thursday that the United States had used its second-largest non-nuclear weapon for the first time ever in combat, in a strike aimed at a tunnel complex in Afghanistan used by forces aligned with the Islamic State. The 21,000-pound, GPS-guided bomb has been nicknamed the "mother of all bombs," Jacqueline Klimas [reports](#). Trump called the action "another successful job" and stressed pride in the U.S. military - but wouldn't say whether he had authorized use of the weapon or let his commanders make the call. "Everybody knows exactly what happened," Trump said. According to The Associated Press, the Afghan government said the bomb killed 36 Islamic State militants. More on that [here](#).

- **Gorsuch's first week on the job:** New Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch was [sworn-in](#) on Monday, filling a seat that had been vacant since Antonin Scalia's death more than a year ago. His appointment marks the first big win for Trump, who remarked that he'd heard that the "most important thing that a president of the United States does is appoint people ... to the United States Supreme Court." Gorsuch will begin hearing cases on Monday.

Trump is **84 days** into the first 100 days of his presidency.

Hello, and welcome to the **Weekly Blast Transition newsletter**, where we're always on the lookout for tips on the new administration's comings and goings. Send your tips our way: Nancy Cook at [ncook@politico.com](mailto:ncook@politico.com) and Kelsey Tamborrino at [ktamborrino@politico.com](mailto:ktamborrino@politico.com).

**WEEKLY DATAPOINT: Roughly 18,000** - That's the number of wooden eggs the White House has ordered for its annual Easter egg roll happening on Monday. More [here](#).

**GIF OF THE WEEK:** Washington Post reporter Ashley Parker's [reaction](#) as White House press secretary Sean Spicer tries to clarify his comments about Bashar Assad's use of chemical weapons compared with Hitler's.

**JOB CUTS COULD LEAD TO MORE SPENDING:** The administration officially lifted its federal hiring freeze Wednesday - replacing it with a call for agencies to reduce personnel, as outlined in a [memo](#) the Office of Management and Budget sent to departments. But POLITICO Pro Employment's Timothy Noah reports that those cuts to the federal workforce could lead to more spending overall, because at least some of the work could be shifted to contract employees. Read more [here](#).

**START THE SHUTDOWN CLOCK?** In case you forgot, the prospect of a government shutdown is still looming, as Congress will return to D.C. with just five days to go before funding expires April 28. Mulvaney [complicated matters](#) further on Wednesday by urging congressional Republicans to take a hard line against sanctuary cities in the must-pass spending bill.

**GAO TO INVESTIGATE TRANSITION:** The Government Accountability Office will investigate whether members of the Trump transition team followed federal guidelines and ethics rules, following complaints lodged by Democratic lawmakers in November, POLITICO's Kelsey Sutton [reports](#). In a [letter](#) dated April 5 to Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings and Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, the GAO confirmed that it would examine the transition team, including reviewing its use of federal funds and looking into the team's communications with foreign governments.

**TWEET MAP:** Trump [tweeted](#) Thursday that he has "great confidence that China will properly deal with North Korea" - but that "if they are unable to do so, the U.S., with its allies, will!" It was just one in a series of tweets that the North Korean regime alleges are [fueling](#) a "vicious cycle" of tensions on the Korean peninsula. North Korea's vice foreign minister told the AP today that Pyongyang is ready to launch a preemptive strike if the U.S. shows any sign of "reckless" military aggression. He added that North Korea will keep building up its nuclear arsenal in "quality and quantity" and said it is ready to go to war if that's what Trump wants. Meanwhile, some news reports suggest that another North Korean nuclear test could raise the

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possibility of a military response from Washington.

## COMING AND GOINGS

- **Tillerson finally gets a No. 2:** Trump will nominate John Sullivan, a partner at Mayer Brown who previously served in George W. Bush's administration, as Rex Tillerson's No. 2 at the State Department, POLITICO's Cristiano Lima [reports](#).
- **New head of OIRA:** Trump plans to nominate law professor Neomi Rao to run OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, putting her in charge of government-wide regulatory efforts. Rao is a professor at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School, with a focus on constitutional and administrative law. Previously, Rao was an associate White House counsel for George W. Bush and an aide on the Senate Judiciary Committee. She also clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas.
- **Deputy OMB director:** It will be Russell Vought, who most recently worked for Heritage Action for America. He's also served as the policy director for the House Republican Conference, under then-Chairman Mike Pence, and as the executive director of the Republican Study Committee, under then-Chairman Jeb Hensarling.
- **New general counsel at DHS:** Trump has picked John Marshall Mitnick of the Heritage Foundation for the post. He previously worked as general counsel at Raytheon and previously served in the White House as associate counsel to President George W. Bush from 2005 to 2007 and deputy counsel of the Homeland Security Council from 2004 to 2005.
- **Commerce undersecretary for international trade:** Gilbert B. Kaplan is a partner at King & Spalding, in the International Trade Group. He previously served as the Commerce Department's deputy assistant secretary and first acting assistant secretary for import administration, and as the director of its Office of Investigations.
- **Top HHS spot filled:** Trump tapped Stephen Parente this week to be assistant secretary of planning and evaluation at HHS. The University of Minnesota economist has been pessimistic about Obamacare's future, Pro's Arthur Allen [writes](#). Parente also serves as adviser to the Congressional Budget Office and as governing chair of the Health Care Cost Institute.
- **For-profit education exec lands at the Education Department** Robert Eitel is a new senior counselor to Secretary Betsy DeVos, the agency [announced](#) earlier today. Eitel had been the vice president for regulatory legal services at Bridgepoint. Sens. Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and other critics of the for-profit college industry had sharply [criticized](#) Eitel's employment arrangement.
- **Trump eyes climate skeptic:** Alex Guillén and Andrew Restuccia [report](#) that Trump is eyeing Kathleen Hartnett White, a vocal critic of climate change science, to run the Council on Environmental Quality, which would make her the highest-ranking environmental official in the White House. White is a former chairwoman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and now works for a conservative think tank in the Lone Star State.
- **McFarland changes lanes:** K.T. McFarland, the television pundit turned Trump deputy national security adviser, is moving on to become ambassador to Singapore. More [here](#).

## CONFIRMATION WATCH

- **Duke of DHS:** Elaine Duke was sworn in Monday as deputy secretary of the Homeland Security Department. She'll serve as the department's chief operating officer in that role, [according](#) to DHS.

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## **THE DEFINITIVE STORY OF HOW CLINTON LOST:**

It's the story of a totally incompetent campaign. <http://vlt.tc/2nvq> "Everybody could see Hillary Clinton was cooked in Iowa. So when, a week-and-a-half out, the Service Employees International Union started hearing anxiety out of Michigan, union officials decided to reroute their volunteers, giving a desperate team on the ground around Detroit some hope.

"They started prepping meals and organizing hotel rooms. SEIU — which had wanted to go to Michigan from the beginning, but been ordered not to — dialed Clinton's top campaign aides to tell them about the new plan. According to several people familiar with the call, Brooklyn was furious.

"Turn that bus around, the Clinton team ordered SEIU. Those volunteers needed to stay in Iowa to fool Donald Trump into competing there, not drive to Michigan, where the Democrat's models projected a 5-point win through the morning of Election Day. Michigan organizers were shocked. It was the latest case of Brooklyn ignoring on-the-ground intel and pleas for help in a race that they felt slipping away at the end.

"They believed they were more experienced, which they were. They believed they were smarter, which they weren't," said Donnie Fowler, who was consulting for the Democratic National Committee during the final months of the campaign. "They believed they had better information, which they didn't."

"Flip Michigan and leave the rest of the map, and Trump is still president-elect. But to people who worked in that state and others, how Clinton won the popular vote by 2.8 million votes and lost by 100,000 in states that could have made her president has everything to do with what happened in Michigan. Trump won the state despite getting 30,000 fewer votes than George W. Bush did when he lost it in 2004.

"Politico spoke to a dozen officials working on or with Clinton's Michigan campaign, and more than a dozen scattered among other battleground states, her Brooklyn headquarters and in Washington who describe an ongoing fight about campaign tactics, an inability to get top leadership to change course. Then again, according to senior people in Brooklyn, Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook never heard any of those complaints directly from anyone on his state teams before Election Day.

"In results that narrow, Clinton's loss could be attributed to any number of factors — FBI Director Jim Comey's letter shifting late deciders, the lack of a compelling economic message, the apparent Russian hacking. But heartbroken and frustrated in-state battleground operatives worry that a lesson being missed is a simple one: Get the basics of campaigning right.

"Clinton never even stopped by a United Auto Workers union hall in Michigan, though a person involved with the campaign noted bitterly that the UAW flaked on GOTV commitments in the final days, and that AFSCME never even made any, despite months of appeals.



"The anecdotes are different but the narrative is the same across battlegrounds, where Democratic operatives lament a one-size-fits-all approach drawn entirely from pre-selected data — operatives spit out "the model, the model," as they complain about it — guiding Mook's decisions on field, television, everything else. That's the same data operation, of course, that predicted Clinton would win the Iowa caucuses by 6 percentage points (she scraped by with two-tenths of a point), and that predicted she'd beat Bernie Sanders in Michigan (he won by 1.5 points)."

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Bond rout deepens after Fed signals on interest rates. <http://vlt.tc/2nxc> "The global bond market rout is deepening Thursday after the Federal Reserve's latest signal about a quicker pace of interest-rate increases next year provided a fresh catalyst for investors to sell government bonds. The selling sent the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note to as high as 2.639% earlier Thursday, the highest intraday level since September 2014. The yield was recently at 2.584% as selling eased, compared with 2.523% Wednesday. Yields rise as bond prices fall. Government bond yields from Asia and Europe also climbed. China's 10-year and five-year Treasury bond futures recorded their biggest-ever declines in early trading, dropping by 2% and 1.2% respectively, prompting exchange authorities there to suspend trading of the securities."

Chinese retaliation? <http://vlt.tc/2nxd> "In what might be a shot across the bow of the Trump administration, due to take office on Jan. 20, the official China Daily newspaper quoted a state planning official saying China will soon penalize an unnamed U.S. automaker for monopolistic behavior. While the official said no one should read "anything improper" into this, shares of General Motors Co and Ford Motor Co skidded. Auto industry sources have told Reuters this specific investigation was already underway before Trump's recent comments. However, the manner in which it was announced, by saying only that it was a U.S. automaker before a formal announcement of fines, has raised questions around whether officials might be seizing on the case to send a shot across the bow of the incoming Trump administration."

Why It's Not Humanitarian To Import Drastically Different Cultures Into Welfare States. <http://vlt.tc/2nx6> "Now it seems that the German media and politicians are far more concerned with not offending migrants' sensibilities than the welfare of their own citizens. They stifle free speech by cracking down on German citizens for posting anything on social media that can be construed as critical of the current refugee policy, labeling such dissenting opinions as "offensive." They take it even further by lecturing native German women on how to act, behave, and dress around migrants rather than putting an end to this failed multicultural madness. Instead of trying to dissipate Western Civilization and values with the regressive and backwardness of radical Islamic societies, the nations of Europe should find their collective backbone and stand up for their own culture, unless they want more horrific incidents of "Cultural Enrichment" to happen to another innocent, like Maria."

## PICKING A LOYAL ROMNEY FOR RNC:

Establishment, establishment, you always know what's best. <http://vlt.tc/2nx0> "Donald Trump's announcement last night that he's chosen Ronna Romney McDaniel to become the next chair of the Republican National Committee is a big victory for Reince Priebus.

"The elevation of the Michigan GOP state chair will allow the incoming White House chief of staff to maintain tacit control of the committee which he has led for six years. The lawyer from Kenosha inherited massive debt when he ousted Michael Steele in a 2011 election. He turned around the struggling committee, successfully navigating a fundraising environment made much more difficult by the proliferation of super PACs in the post-Citizens United World and building a state-of-the-art field operation that helped make up for Trump's significant

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organizational disadvantages during the general election.

"It stands to reason that Priebus, who is getting the most important staff title in Trump's White House, would get a big say over who succeeds him. Indeed, it would have been hugely humiliating if Trump declined to follow Priebus's advice. That said, there were some very powerful forces inside and outside of Trump Tower that were pushing the president-elect to tap someone for the RNC job who would not feel any sense of loyalty to the outgoing chairman."

### **TALKING PAST EACH OTHER ON IDENTITY POLITICS:**

Talking past each other on identity politics. <http://vlt.tc/2nw1> "Some libertarians, conservatives, and real liberals act as though group experiences don't and can't matter in a society where we ought to be concerned with individuals, and this is a mistake. But this is not a mistake that Soave, Lilla, Palmer, or Kuznicki are making.

"That leaves me feeling that Levy's defence sailed right by me. I am concerned with A, and read a defence of B. I don't want to come across as complaining that Jacob didn't write the post I would have liked him to write, which is an annoying thing to do. Rather, I hope to illustrate a problem that's plaguing the whole debate – we're talking past each other by attacking A on one side and defending B on the other.

"I am on board with B. It seems obvious that human 'groupishness' matters. But what political events around the world are revealing seems less an abandoning of groups, with which A seems concerned, than an abandoning of individuals. Perhaps I can be convinced that 'identity politics' doesn't mean what Tom Palmer, Jason Kuznicki, and I mean by it. But regardless of whether we're convinced that we ought to adopt another term to describe the danger we see, that danger needs addressing."

### **IT'S NOT BIGOTED TO REFUSE SERVICE NOW:**

Cool. <http://vlt.tc/2nx8> "Due to running an intermittently successful small business for over a decade, focusing on the bottom line and increasing profitability used to be a daily obsession for me. One of the key activities was attracting new customers. Anyone who had the slightest potential of interest in my company's service would immediately receive the greatest possible attention. In other words, "always be closing" was the chief operating principle.

"Those days are now in the rearview. A new step must be added: a complete understanding of the potential client's voting and ideological background.

"The night before Thanksgiving I watched with rapt attention as Tucker Carlson interviewed a business owner from New Mexico who just recently announced that Donald Trump supporters are no longer welcome as employees or customers. In a company blog post titled "Trump Supporters Client Accounts Canceled" published just after the election, he said: "If you are a Republican, voted for Donald Trump or support Donald Trump, in any manner, you are not welcome at 1st In SEO and we ask you to leave our firm. 1st In SEO will do everything in our power to ensure that we break ties with any person or business that supports Fascism."

"I am so incredibly inspired and excited that I cannot believe it. This changes EVERYTHING. It didn't take much time for Mathew Blanchfield's bold and wise explanation of his position to completely upend everything I used to believe was true.

"My new position is simple: if a client doesn't have the identical ideological, political, religious, and social views as I do, I'm going to refuse to do business with him. The same goes for employees and other vendors. If there are conflicts within any existing relationships, they'll be summarily ended."

### **HOW TRUMP SHOULD AVOID THE ETHICAL TAR PIT:**

Tom Fitton. <http://vlt.tc/2nvx> "First, let's not pretend that the Trump children will not be

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conflicted in running the company for their father. That is why Mr. Trump should formalize his complete separation from his company and stop working on any aspect of his business. He should draw no pay. And, difficult as it may be, he should vow not to discuss any aspect of the Trump business empire with his children — or any other Trump executive.

Mr. Trump and those at the company's helm should commit to full transparency by making public any contracts with any federal agency, foreign government or foreign corporation. Our nation's enemies, and some of our friends, will seek to either curry favor with or damage America through the Trump businesses. By providing full transparency, Mr. Trump and his family can show that they take seriously that, as Mr. Trump has tweeted, it is "visually important, as president, to in no way have a conflict of interest with my various businesses."

"It would be in the company's best interest to set up an internal watchdog to help develop procedures that could help avoid conflicts. Judicial Watch has already analyzed a number of current foreign entanglements that will require Mr. Trump and his family to demonstrate thorough transparency:

"In China, a frequent Trump target on the campaign trail, the government-controlled Bank of China is part of a group that lent a Trump-affiliated office building in Manhattan 950 million. In India, Trump business partners are building luxury apartment complexes. Three Indian developers flew to New York recently and met with the president-elect. And in Germany, troubled Deutsche Bank has been involved in 3.5 billion in loans to Trump entities since 1998.

"These connections would create more than enough controversy for most administrations. So it would be a good practice for the Trump progeny to avoid any new foreign entanglements. The Constitution's Emoluments Clause bars the president from earning any compensation from a foreign government. Mr. Trump ought to consider a partial disinvestment from his company by either selling outright or rejecting the proceeds of any stakes with foreign government partners.

"He should refuse any third party contributions to his personal foundation. Above all, the Trump administration should be completely transparent on any government dealings with the Trump empire."

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Dial-in number: 712.775.7031; ID: 835.960.616#. Click [here](#) for more information.

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#### Arkansas FRW Biennial Convention, Hilton

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### April 8

### Nominating Committee Tasked with Recommending NFRW Leadership Slate for 2018-19

Seven women were elected in Memphis to serve on the NFRW Nominating Committee. The committee is charged with recommending an officer slate to lead the Federation in 2018-19. **Theresa Kosmoski**, president of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, will chair the Nominating Committee. Serving with her are: **Karen Evans** (WV), **Melonaie Gullick** (AR), **Gena Gore** (LA), **Marilyn Harris** (CO), **Brenda Smith** (KS) and **Linda Lee Tarver** (MI). **Lori Piotrowski** (NV) and **Shirley Mark** (CA) will serve as alternates.

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### Growing our Membership

### March Madness Brings Seven New Clubs into the NFRW Family

L to R: Chartering Officers of Portage County (OH) Republican Women's Club: Secretary, **Jean Lemaster**; President, **Jeneen Kubala**; Treasurer, **Beverly Kibler**; and Vice-president, **Doria Daniels**.

The bright future has new clubs sprouting up across the country. In March, NFRW President Carrie Almond signed charters for seven new clubs, including one reactivated club. They are:

- Warren County (MS) Republican Women
- Sussex County Republican Women of New Jersey



**Iowa FRW Spring Board Meeting**, "Passing the Torch... Building Tomorrow's Leaders," Marriott, West Des Moines, IA, with Lt. Gov. **Kim Reynolds**. Click [here](#) for details.

April 9-11  
Florida FRW "Tally Days," Doubletree Hotel, Tallahassee, FL. Click [here](#) for details.

April 21-22

**Colorado FRW Spring Board Meeting**, Elegante Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO. NFRW President **Carrie Almond** will speak at dinner.

April 28-29

**Virginia FRW Annual Convention**, "Building Unity One Star at a Time," Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA. NFRW President **Carrie Almond** will speak at Saturday banquet. Click [here](#) for information.

#### **The Week's NFRW Poll Question:**

What should be next on **President Trump's** agenda?

- Tax reform
- Infrastructure bill
- Renegotiating trade deals

Click [here](#) to make your voice heard.

#### **Previous Poll Results:**

Will the House Republican healthcare plan effectively address the shortcomings of Obamacare?

**Comments:** "I think it is way too early in the process to know what is going to be the Republican response. To me the bigger question is: can they ever come to agreement among themselves on such a multifaceted issue?"

"Sadly, no. Once an entitlement has been given and the recipients have adjusted to receiving something for free, it is impossible (at least politically) to take that

- Republican Women of Cumberland County (NJ)
- Champaign County (OH) Republican Women's Club
- 10th District (OH) Republican Women's Club
- Republican Women of Shelby County (AL)
- Portage County (OH) Republican Women's Club

Welcome to the NFRW family!

#### **Technology Tools Build Stronger, More Effective Clubs**

Looking for help with social media or your website?

Hot off the (digital) presses, the new *Steps to Creating a Digital Presence for a Local Club* presentation is a step-by-step guide to getting online. It includes tips and tricks learned over years of work in the digital and social media world. You can find it [here](#).

The *Run or Attend an Audio or Video Meeting: Using FreeConferenceCall.com* presentation, announced at the NFRW Spring Board Meeting, provides a step-by-step guide to using this powerful tool for your meetings. You can find it [here](#).

The Technology Committee is here to support you and has developed rich bank of resources. They can be accessed through the [NFRW website](#). Log on to the *Member Center*. Under *Digital Resource Library*, choose *Committee / Issues Resources*. Scroll down and click *Technology*.

Technology Committee Chair **Carol Spencer** invites members to send technology questions to [technology@NFRW.org](mailto:technology@NFRW.org).

#### [Caring for America](#)

**More than Fundraising: NFRW Team Generates Donations for Ronald McDonald House**



entitlement away. Too many people are accustomed to receiving subsidies from Obamacare; there is little likelihood that those subsidies can be withdrawn."

"The Democrats, no matter if good or bad, have one thing in common, they stick together. The Republicans are given a lifetime opportunity: We elected a President who, like Reagan, loves America and wants to bring it back to its old glory, and what does the Republican Party do, fight him at every corner... It is about time that the Republican Party closes ranks behind our President and helps him to fulfill his promises."

"Obamacare should be completely repealed and never put into the government hands ever. Insurance belongs to free enterprise. Now there should be some kind of regulations to stop the scamming insurance companies. The United States of America was never designed to be an insurer."

"This bill is again about INSURANCE not HEALTH-CARE. This country has always taken care of the less fortunate as well as the irresponsible. Obamacare should be repealed outright. Let the PEOPLE go back to taking responsibility for themselves. As both Obama and someone else said: PEOPLE HAVE MISPLACED PRIORITIES. Instead of buying a new TV, game or phone every year, they should put that money toward HEALTHCARE. This bill does NOT make HEALTHCARE affordable - it TRIES to make INSURANCE affordable... Insurance is nothing but a legalized 'ponzi scheme' - take MY money to pay someone else."

"The repeal of Obamacare should be

**Sheri Viator** (NFRW Fundraising Committee member) and **Cloie Martin** (daughter of Fundraising Chair **Heidi Parker Martin** unloading supplies for the Ronald McDonald House (not pictured but part of the effort are Fundraising Chair **Heidi Parker Martin**, Committee Member **Tammy Boudreaux**, and NFRW Treasurer **JoAnn Parker**).

While in Memphis for the NFRW Board of Directors meeting, members of the Fundraising Committee collected and dropped off donations to the Ronald McDonald House, a "home-away-from-home" for St. Jude families and their children receiving treatment for cancer and other catastrophic childhood illnesses. Since opening its doors in 1991, Ronald McDonald House of Memphis has provided a home for more than 9,285 children from nearly every state and 45 countries.

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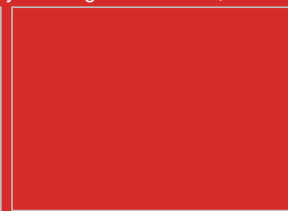
**The Future's So Bright We've Got to #WearShades...**

Seems we're  
catching  
everyone wearing  
shades these  
days - even  
**Rosie and  
Reagan.**

Bakersfield (CA) Republican Women, Federated members agree that the future is so bright, they gotta wear shades! This picture was taken after the club's regular monthly meeting on March 14, 2017.



The freshly chartered Warren County Republican Women, Mississippi's first new club of



Ponderosa (WA) Republican Women rocking the shades they just gotta wear as the



*first. Then get government out of health care. Rand Paul has a workable plan and it should be considered. We don't want a National Health Care System. Cut us loose and let us take care of ourselves. Give us tax incentives to do for ourselves what we want to do in regard to our healthcare."*

**More Political News:**

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2017, #WearShades as they look forward to a bright future.

Future is so Bright!

Optimistic about our bright future, members of the Montana Federation of Republican Women "Storm the Hill" in Helena for Legislative Day wearing their shades.

Tennessee Federation Board members wearing shades as they prepare to greet the NFRW in Memphis and celebrate the bright future ahead.

The #WearShades movement swept to the NFRW Board Meeting - watch for pictures and a full report in a coming edition of the NFRW *Capital Connection*. And don't forget to send your club's pictures to [political@nfrw.org](mailto:political@nfrw.org).

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Interesting...thanks for sharing!

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July-2016					
County	Total Pop 7/1/16	under 18	Eligible Pop	Voters	% Registered
Santa Rosa	170,497	24%	129,577	127,612	98.5%
St Johns	235,087	23%	181,017	168,375	93.0%
Clay County	208,311	24%	158,316	142,729	90.2%
Flagler	108,310	18%	95,381	77,476	81.2%
Okaloosa	201,170	22%	163,932	129,645	79.1%
Osceola	336,015	26%	248,615	183,432	73.8%
Collier	365,136	20%	292,108	191,235	65.5%
Broward	1,909,632	21%	1,546,802	1,135,940	73.4%
Miami/Dade	2,712,945	20%	2,170,356	1,305,121	60.1%
Lee	722,336	18%	592,315	408,102	68.9%

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## District Daybook Job Listings

New job listings for May 24, 2017. Listings in red are available for premium subscribers to view. See more jobs and internship opportunities at [District Daybook](#)

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**Good Friday morning.** Today should be *sine die*, the end of the 60-day lawmaking session. But we're in overtime. There's still no state budget and a vote won't happen until at least Monday. So let's talk a little bit about marijuana and the 2018 governor's race, shall we?

**WEED WARS** - When 71 percent of Florida voters approved the state's medical marijuana [constitutional amendment](#) last year, how many thought qualifying patients should NOT be allowed to smoke cannabis? The GOP-led Legislature might not wait to find out. Both the state House and Senate want to ban medical weed smoking - a move that all but guarantees a lawsuit from the man who bankrolled the amendment, Orlando trial lawyer and Democratic donor John Morgan. At the least, the publicity of a lawsuit will be good for his firm, Morgan & Morgan, and perhaps his bid for governor if he decides to run.

"I will sue and I will win. This is why politicians are despised. I'll be baaaack! Free publicity. Thank you," Morgan [tweeted](#) last night as the Florida Senate debated its version of the bill.

**KING MONEY** - One of the three announced Democratic candidates for governor, political newcomer Chris King, says he raised \$301,000 in April between his campaign and political committees. About a third of the money came from the candidate. King, who announced in March and kicked in more of his personal fortune, has about \$1.5 million cash on hand, his campaign said.

**ALLIGATOR RON FOR GOV? -- "Ron Bergeron says decision on Florida governor race likely 'around August'," by Sun Sentinel's Anthony Man:** "Ron Bergeron, the Broward County developer, entrepreneur and conservationist, is still actively considering running for Florida governor. The man known as Alligator Ron said in an interview he'd probably announce his plans 'somewhere around August.' That's a slightly later timetable than he suggested earlier this year when he suggested an announcement would be closer to June. Bergeron sounded late Wednesday like someone who wants to run." [Read more](#)

**\*\* A message from Floridians for Fair Business Practices:**Florida has the opportunity to join 29 other states and Washington, D.C. that value consumer choice and free market principles. Floridians for Fair Business Practices, and the more than 150,000 jobs we represent, encourage Governor Scott to sign SB 106 and bring Florida out of the Prohibition Era. Learn more [here](#). \*\*

### ... TRUMPLANDIA AND THE FEDS ...

**MAR-A-LAGO MONEY -- "Flying Trump to Mar-a-Lago twice cost at least \$1.2 million," by AP's Chad Day:**"A pair of President Donald Trump's recent weekend trips to his Mar-a-Lago resort cost taxpayers more than \$1.2 million, new documents released by a conservative group show. The documents made public Thursday by Judicial Watch are some of the first to put even part of a price tag on Trump's frequent visits to his Palm Beach, Florida, club. The numbers reflect only the costs associated with the president's plane, Air Force One. Not included are expenses for Secret Service protection or support vehicles provided by the Department of Defense, which must be airlifted into place." [Read more](#)

**MAR-A-LAGO MOLESTATION CLAIM -- "The one weird court case linking Trump, Clinton, and a billionaire pedophile," by POLITICO's Josh Gerstein:** "A woman who claims in a lawsuit that she was lured into a sex-trafficking ring run by billionaire Jeffrey Epstein contends that the depravity began at a Florida resort now known as the winter White House: Mar-a-Lago. Virginia Giuffre's civil suit, scheduled to go to trial here later this month, threatens to expose new details of a long-running saga tying together President Donald Trump, former President Bill Clinton, Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, and other prominent figures, including Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz ... Giuffre, formerly Roberts, claims she was 15 and working as a towel girl at Trump's posh Palm Beach club when she was recruited nearly two decades ago into sexual slavery by socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, then Epstein's girlfriend." [Read more](#)

**CHILLING EFFECT -- "Florida getting fewer refugees," by News-Press' Jeff Burlew:**"Florida has seen a substantial slowdown in refugee arrivals this year, a sign President Donald Trump's new policies are having an impact despite a flurry of legal challenges to block them. For the first four months of 2017, 543 refugees were resettled in Florida, according to figures from the U.S. State Department. That's a nearly 24 percent decrease from the same period last year, when 712 refugees were relocated in the Sunshine State." [Read more](#)

**TRUMPCARE - "Fence-sitting Florida Republicans vote to repeal, replace Obamacare," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos:** U.S. Reps. Carlos Curbelo, Mario Diaz-Balart, Brian Mast were among the key Florida Republicans still undecided as early as Thursday morning. All three voted for passage. The only Florida Republican to vote against it was U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, of Miami, who had long announced her opposition. [Read more](#)

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**SWAMP SHAKEUP -- C.J. Gimenez**, son of Miami-Dade County Mayor **Carlos Gimenez**, said he is leaving the lobbying firm Avenue Strategies, the Miami Herald [reported](#) Thursday. The newspaper said Gimenez, who only joined the firm last month, told the newspaper he's leaving because the company accepted Citgo, the Venezuelan-government owned oil company, as a client. Lewandowski [resigned](#) from his lobbying firm on Thursday amid scrutiny of its efforts to capitalize on his relationship with the president.

**CRUDE RISKS -- "Sen. Rubio: Florida faces risks of drilling," by Sen. Marco Rubio for Pensacola News Journal!** In 2010, the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico claimed 11 lives when it exploded, and the nation watched in shock as it spewed 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf over 87 days. The entire Gulf Coast, including Florida's 770 miles of shoreline and beaches, bore the brunt of the spill, and so did more than 15,000 species that call the area home. Ever since Congress passed the Gulf of Mexico Security Act (GOMESA) into law in 2006, energy exploration in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico has been banned. The same law also gave all the Gulf states - except for Florida - the ability to benefit from revenue generated by drilling in the middle and the west of the Gulf. That is still the case today." [Read more](#)

**CLC ON JNC - "Carlos López-Cantera to Chair Statewide Panel Vetting Federal Judicial Candidates," via press release:** "Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Bill Nelson (D-FL) will once again constitute the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) to identify highly qualified individuals as finalists to become U.S. district judges in each of the three judicial districts in Florida. Today, it was announced that Carlos López-Cantera will serve as statewide chair of Florida's Federal JNC. [Read more](#)

**HELPING? - "GOP nonprofit launches \$2 million campaign thanking Obamacare repeal backers," by POLITICO'S Kevin Robillard:** American Action Network, a nonprofit with ties to House Speaker Paul Ryan, will spend \$2 million over the next 11 days in 21 districts running TV ads to thank House Republicans who voted for the GOP's Obamacare repeal bill Thursday. The ads will thank only members who voted for the legislation. The 30-second TV spot will air in the districts of vulnerable members, including Florida's Carlos Curbelo and California's David Valadao. [Read more](#)

... TALLAHASSEE REPORT ...

**CLOCK TICKING -- "House won't accept Senate's latest medical marijuana proposal," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The sponsor of the House medical marijuana bill told POLITICO Florida that he won't accept the changes the Senate made on Thursday to his medical marijuana bill, saying the changes represent a reversal of key issues he felt had already been resolved in prior negotiations ... The Senate is seeking to impose a sales tax on medical marijuana products, while the House opposes the idea. The House also believes the Senate had gone back on an agreement for "the pace" at which new licenses are handed out. [Read more](#)

- **"Senate medical marijuana amendment offers compromise on dispensary caps," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The amendment to HB 1397, filed by Senate sponsor Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, would increase the dispensary limit over the underlying bill from three to five, and allow for that cap to increase by one store for every 75,000 patients on the state medical marijuana registry. The House has adamantly opposed dispensary caps despite opting for a more restrictive system overall. [Read more](#)

**CUTTING SCHOOLS - "Superintendents, school boards fight 'alarming' school funding proposal," by POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** Florida's school boards and superintendents warn the Legislature's proposed 2017-18 budget would spell cuts for many districts. The overall increase works out to be about \$24 per student - much lower than what both Gov. Rick Scott and the Senate initially proposed, and smaller than bumps in recent years. But a closer look reveals that the base student allocation is actually being cut by \$27 per student. There will be more funding included in other categories of the state's complex funding formula, the Florida Education Finance Program. [Read more](#)

**SCHOOL WINNERS - "Senate passes end-of-session education 'train;' bill cuts high school test, mandates recess," By POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** The Senate voted 38-0 to enact a broad array of changes to education policy in an omnibus bill advanced on the penultimate day of the regular legislative session. The upper chamber adopted a 72-page strike-all amendment to HB 549, which was originally 17 pages long, before sending it back to the House for concurrence ... Allies of former Gov. Jeb Bush pushed to preserve his education reform legacy, including by opposing eliminating certain final exams for high school students. [Read more](#)

**SHARP BUDGET KNIFE - "Lawmakers wrap up health care spending, race to print final budget," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** House and Senate budget conferees announced Thursday night that they reached a deal on how much to spend on Medicaid and long-term care putting to rest the last unresolved area of the budget. Florida hospitals took a cut of \$250 million in recurring general revenue in their Medicaid payments under the agreement, with legislators agreeing - for the upcoming year only - to reduce those cuts by \$50 million. Because state dollars are matched by federal Medicaid dollars, the cuts amount to a \$520 million reduction in hospital spending this fiscal year, which begins July 1. The Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida did not have immediate comment on the reductions, saying it wanted to review the impact. [Read more](#)

**LAUREN'S CASH -- "Lauren's Kids racks up six-figure donations via auto tag registration renewals," by Florida Bulldog's Francisco Alvarado:** "In January, Broward County car owners who received their auto tag renewal notices also got a special message from Lauren's Kids, the nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child sex abuse and founded by freshman State Sen. Lauren Book." [Read more](#)



- "Gov. Scott in Naples chastises lawmakers over state's \$83 billion budget," by TCPalm's Eric Staats [Read more](#)
- "House rejects compromise in fentanyl trafficking bill," by AP's Ana Ceballos: [Read more](#)
- "Video: Sen. Audrey Gibson discusses 'the incident' with Sen. Artilles, Corrine Brown's trial, more," by Florida Times-Union's Tia Mitchell: [Read more](#)
- Florida's Bruce Ritchie: [Read more](#)

Adding on - "How low will Senate go on work comp attorney fees?," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton: [Read more](#)

- "New transportation funding helps close transportation, economic development budget," by POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon: [Read more](#)

#### ... AROUND THE STATE ...

**DID CORRINE DELIVER? -- "Prosecutor goes after Brown on stand who can't explain One Door donations,"** by Florida Times-Union's Nate Monroe, Christopher Hong and Steve Patterson: "After defending herself on the witness stand for several hours, former U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown endured a short - yet harsh - barrage of questioning from prosecutors before the seventh day of her fraud trial ended. The rhythm of the exchange between Brown and lead prosecutor A. Tysen Duva resembled a boxing match. Duva quickly went on the offensive, suggesting her chief of staff Ronnie Simmons acted out of loyalty to his long-time boss and motherly figure when he took tens of thousands of dollars from a fraudulent charity and deposited the cash into her personal bank account. Brown has pinned the bulk of the blame on Simmons and said any money he gave her was for legitimate reimbursements." [Read more](#)

**SNAPPERED -- "Ridiculously short federal red snapper season announced,"** by Pensacola News Journal's Chris Phillips: "Private boat anglers in the Gulf of Mexico are left with just three days to harvest red snapper in federal waters for 2017. The federal season will open at 12:01 on June 1 and conclude at 12:01 a.m. on June 4 believe it or not." [Read more](#)

**HIGH COST FOR LOW PRICE STORE -- "In a remnant of the world's rarest forest, Miami-Dade may stick a Walmart,"** by Miami Herald's Jenny Staletovich: "This plot near Zoo Miami is a remnant of one of the world's rarest forests: pine rockland. It once covered 186,000 acres, colonizing a ridge of ancient coral reef - the high ground snaking south from Miami under the Upper Keys and reappearing in Big Pine Key." [Read more](#)

**REMEMBERING TRAYVON -- "Trayvon Martin To Receive Posthumous Bachelor's Degree From Florida Memorial University,"** by WIOD's Isha Thorpe: "Almost five years after Trayvon Martin's life was taken away from him, Florida Memorial University is honoring the young man, who would've been 22 years old today, with a Bachelor's of Aeronautical Science degree." [Read more](#)

**STUNG -- "Beekeepers on edge over tupelo honey season,"** by Panama City News Herald's Katie Landeck: "The tupelo trees still are blooming, but beekeepers are not excited about this year's crop of tupelo honey. 'The 2017 tupelo season is not looking good. Terrible is a better word, actually,' said Brian Bertonneau, the owner of Smiley Honey." [Read more](#)

#### ... ODDS, ENDS AND FLORIDA MEN ...

**BAD DOC -- "State reopens investigation of Miami doctor who called broker during baby's delivery,"** by Miami Herald's Daniel Chang: "The Florida Department of Health has reopened an investigation into a Miami obstetrician who took an eight-minute phone call from his stockbroker while delivering a baby. The child suffered permanent brain damage, leading to a \$33.8 million medical malpractice award for the parents in April. An attorney for the mother said Thursday that the health department has asked to interview Marla Dixon of Miami Gardens about her son's birth on Dec. 2, 2013, at North Shore Medical Center." [Read more](#)

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**CRUDE RISKS -- "Sen. Rubio: Florida faces risks of drilling," by Sen. Marco Rubio for Pensacola News Journal!** In 2010, the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico claimed 11 lives when it exploded, and the nation watched in shock as it spewed 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf over 87 days. The entire Gulf Coast, including Florida's 770 miles of shoreline and beaches, bore the brunt of the spill, and so did more than 15,000 species that call the area home. Ever since Congress passed the Gulf of Mexico Security Act (GOMESA) into law in 2006, energy exploration in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico has been banned. The same law also gave all the Gulf states - except for Florida - the ability to benefit from revenue generated by drilling in the middle and the west of the Gulf. That is still the case today." [Read more](#)

**CLC ON JNC - "Carlos López-Cantera to Chair Statewide Panel Vetting Federal Judicial Candidates," via press release:** "Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Bill Nelson (D-FL) will once again constitute the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) to identify highly qualified individuals as finalists to become U.S. district judges in each of the three judicial districts in Florida. Today, it was announced that Carlos López-Cantera will serve as statewide chair of Florida's Federal JNC. [Read more](#)

**HELPING? - "GOP nonprofit launches \$2 million campaign thanking Obamacare repeal backers," by POLITICO'S Kevin Robillard:** American Action Network, a nonprofit with ties to House Speaker Paul Ryan, will spend \$2 million over the next 11 days in 21 districts running TV ads to thank House Republicans who voted for the GOP's Obamacare repeal bill Thursday. The ads will thank only members who voted for the legislation. The 30-second TV spot will air in the districts of vulnerable members, including Florida's Carlos Curbelo and California's David Valadao. [Read more](#)

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- **"Senate medical marijuana amendment offers compromise on dispensary caps," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The amendment to HB 1397, filed by Senate sponsor Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, would increase the dispensary limit over the underlying bill from three to five, and allow for that cap to increase by one store for every 75,000 patients on the state medical marijuana registry. The House has adamantly opposed dispensary caps despite opting for a more restrictive system overall. [Read more](#)

**CUTTING SCHOOLS - "Superintendents, school boards fight 'alarming' school funding proposal," by POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** Florida's school boards and superintendents warn the Legislature's proposed 2017-18 budget would spell cuts for many districts. The overall increase works out to be about \$24 per student - much lower than what both Gov. Rick Scott and the Senate initially proposed, and smaller than bumps in recent years. But a closer look reveals that the base student allocation is actually being cut by \$27 per student. There will be more funding included in other categories of the state's complex funding formula, the Florida Education Finance Program. [Read more](#)

**SCHOOL WINNERS - "Senate passes end-of-session education 'train;' bill cuts high school test, mandates recess," By POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** The Senate voted 38-0 to enact a broad array of changes to education policy in an omnibus bill advanced on the penultimate day of the regular legislative session. The upper chamber adopted a 72-page strike-all amendment to HB 549, which was originally 17 pages long, before sending it back to the House for concurrence ... Allies of former Gov. Jeb Bush pushed to preserve his education reform legacy, including by opposing eliminating certain final exams for high school students. [Read more](#)

**SHARP BUDGET KNIFE - "Lawmakers wrap up health care spending, race to print final budget," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** House and Senate budget conferees announced Thursday night that they reached a deal on how much to spend on Medicaid and long-term care putting to rest the last unresolved area of the budget. Florida hospitals took a cut of \$250 million in recurring general revenue in their Medicaid payments under the agreement, with legislators agreeing - for the upcoming year only - to reduce those cuts by \$50 million. Because state dollars are matched by federal Medicaid dollars, the cuts amount to a \$520 million reduction in hospital spending this fiscal year, which begins July 1. The Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida did not have immediate comment on the reductions, saying it wanted to review the impact. [Read more](#)

**LAUREN'S CASH -- "Lauren's Kids racks up six-figure donations via auto tag registration renewals," by Florida Bulldog's Francisco Alvarado:** "In January, Broward County car owners who received their auto tag renewal notices also got a special message from Lauren's Kids, the nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child sex abuse and founded by freshman State Sen. Lauren Book." [Read more](#)



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**SNAPPERED -- "Ridiculously short federal red snapper season announced,"** by Pensacola News Journal's Chris Phillips: "Private boat anglers in the Gulf of Mexico are left with just three days to harvest red snapper in federal waters for 2017. The federal season will open at 12:01 on June 1 and conclude at 12:01 a.m. on June 4 believe it or not." [Read more](#)

**HIGH COST FOR LOW PRICE STORE -- "In a remnant of the world's rarest forest, Miami-Dade may stick a Walmart,"** by Miami Herald's Jenny Staletovich: "This plot near Zoo Miami is a remnant of one of the world's rarest forests: pine rockland. It once covered 186,000 acres, colonizing a ridge of ancient coral reef - the high ground snaking south from Miami under the Upper Keys and reappearing in Big Pine Key." [Read more](#)

**REMEMBERING TRAYVON -- "Trayvon Martin To Receive Posthumous Bachelor's Degree From Florida Memorial University,"** by WIOD's Isha Thorpe: "Almost five years after Trayvon Martin's life was taken away from him, Florida Memorial University is honoring the young man, who would've been 22 years old today, with a Bachelor's of Aeronautical Science degree." [Read more](#)

**STUNG -- "Beekeepers on edge over tupelo honey season,"** by Panama City News Herald's Katie Landeck: "The tupelo trees still are blooming, but beekeepers are not excited about this year's crop of tupelo honey. 'The 2017 tupelo season is not looking good. Terrible is a better word, actually,' said Brian Bertonneau, the owner of Smiley Honey." [Read more](#)

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**SWAMP SHAKEUP -- C.J. Gimenez** son of Miami-Dade County Mayor **Carlos Gimenez**, said he is leaving the lobbying firm Avenue Strategies, the Miami Herald [reported](#) Thursday. The newspaper said Gimenez, who only joined the firm last month, told the newspaper he's leaving because the company accepted Citgo, the Venezuelan-government owned oil company, as a client. Lewandowski [resigned](#) from his lobbying firm on Thursday amid scrutiny of its efforts to capitalize on his relationship with the president.

**CRUDE RISKS -- "Sen. Rubio: Florida faces risks of drilling," by Sen. Marco Rubio for Pensacola News Journal!** In 2010, the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico claimed 11 lives when it exploded, and the nation watched in shock as it spewed 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf over 87 days. The entire Gulf Coast, including Florida's 770 miles of shoreline and beaches, bore the brunt of the spill, and so did more than 15,000 species that call the area home. Ever since Congress passed the Gulf of Mexico Security Act (GOMESA) into law in 2006, energy exploration in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico has been banned. The same law also gave all the Gulf states - except for Florida - the ability to benefit from revenue generated by drilling in the middle and the west of the Gulf. That is still the case today." [Read more](#)

**CLC ON JNC - "Carlos López-Cantera to Chair Statewide Panel Vetting Federal Judicial Candidates," via press release:** "Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Bill Nelson (D-FL) will once again constitute the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) to identify highly qualified individuals as finalists to become U.S. district judges in each of the three judicial districts in Florida. Today, it was announced that Carlos López-Cantera will serve as statewide chair of Florida's Federal JNC. [Read more](#)

**HELPING? - "GOP nonprofit launches \$2 million campaign thanking Obamacare repeal backers," by POLITICO'S Kevin Robillard:** American Action Network, a nonprofit with ties to House Speaker Paul Ryan, will spend \$2 million over the next 11 days in 21 districts running TV ads to thank House Republicans who voted for the GOP's Obamacare repeal bill Thursday. The ads will thank only members who voted for the legislation. The 30-second TV spot will air in the districts of vulnerable members, including Florida's Carlos Curbelo and California's David Valadao. [Read more](#)

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**CLOCK TICKING -- "House won't accept Senate's latest medical marijuana proposal," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The sponsor of the House medical marijuana bill told POLITICO Florida that he won't accept the changes the Senate made on Thursday to his medical marijuana bill, saying the changes represent a reversal of key issues he felt had already been resolved in prior negotiations ... The Senate is seeking to impose a sales tax on medical marijuana products, while the House opposes the idea. The House also believes the Senate had gone back on an agreement for "the pace" at which new licenses are handed out. [Read more](#)

- **"Senate medical marijuana amendment offers compromise on dispensary caps," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The amendment to HB 1397, filed by Senate sponsor Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, would increase the dispensary limit over the underlying bill from three to five, and allow for that cap to increase by one store for every 75,000 patients on the state medical marijuana registry. The House has adamantly opposed dispensary caps despite opting for a more restrictive system overall. [Read more](#)

**CUTTING SCHOOLS - "Superintendents, school boards fight 'alarming' school funding proposal," by POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** Florida's school boards and superintendents warn the Legislature's proposed 2017-18 budget would spell cuts for many districts. The overall increase works out to be about \$24 per student - much lower than what both Gov. Rick Scott and the Senate initially proposed, and smaller than bumps in recent years. But a closer look reveals that the base student allocation is actually being cut by \$27 per student. There will be more funding included in other categories of the state's complex funding formula, the Florida Education Finance Program. [Read more](#)

**SCHOOL WINNERS - "Senate passes end-of-session education 'train;' bill cuts high school test, mandates recess," By POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** The Senate voted 38-0 to enact a broad array of changes to education policy in an omnibus bill advanced on the penultimate day of the regular legislative session. The upper chamber adopted a 72-page strike-all amendment to HB 549, which was originally 17 pages long, before sending it back to the House for concurrence ... Allies of former Gov. Jeb Bush pushed to preserve his education reform legacy, including by opposing eliminating certain final exams for high school students. [Read more](#)

**SHARP BUDGET KNIFE - "Lawmakers wrap up health care spending, race to print final budget," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** House and Senate budget conferees announced Thursday night that they reached a deal on how much to spend on Medicaid and long-term care putting to rest the last unresolved area of the budget. Florida hospitals took a cut of \$250 million in recurring general revenue in their Medicaid payments under the agreement, with legislators agreeing - for the upcoming year only - to reduce those cuts by \$50 million. Because state dollars are matched by federal Medicaid dollars, the cuts amount to a \$520 million reduction in hospital spending this fiscal year, which begins July 1. The Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida did not have immediate comment on the reductions, saying it wanted to review the impact. [Read more](#)

**LAUREN'S CASH -- "Lauren's Kids racks up six-figure donations via auto tag registration renewals," by Florida Bulldog's Francisco Alvarado:** "In January, Broward County car owners who received their auto tag renewal notices also got a special message from Lauren's Kids, the nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child sex abuse and founded by freshman State Sen. Lauren Book." [Read more](#)



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**DID CORRINE DELIVER? -- "Prosecutor goes after Brown on stand who can't explain One Door donations,"** by Florida Times-Union's Nate Monroe, Christopher Hong and Steve Patterson: "After defending herself on the witness stand for several hours, former U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown endured a short - yet harsh - barrage of questioning from prosecutors before the seventh day of her fraud trial ended. The rhythm of the exchange between Brown and lead prosecutor A. Tysen Duva resembled a boxing match. Duva quickly went on the offensive, suggesting her chief of staff Ronnie Simmons acted out of loyalty to his long-time boss and motherly figure when he took tens of thousands of dollars from a fraudulent charity and deposited the cash into her personal bank account. Brown has pinned the bulk of the blame on Simmons and said any money he gave her was for legitimate reimbursements." [Read more](#)

**SNAPPERED -- "Ridiculously short federal red snapper season announced,"** by Pensacola News Journal's Chris Phillips: "Private boat anglers in the Gulf of Mexico are left with just three days to harvest red snapper in federal waters for 2017. The federal season will open at 12:01 on June 1 and conclude at 12:01 a.m. on June 4 believe it or not." [Read more](#)

**HIGH COST FOR LOW PRICE STORE -- "In a remnant of the world's rarest forest, Miami-Dade may stick a Walmart,"** by Miami Herald's Jenny Staletovich: "This plot near Zoo Miami is a remnant of one of the world's rarest forests: pine rockland. It once covered 186,000 acres, colonizing a ridge of ancient coral reef - the high ground snaking south from Miami under the Upper Keys and reappearing in Big Pine Key." [Read more](#)

**REMEMBERING TRAYVON -- "Trayvon Martin To Receive Posthumous Bachelor's Degree From Florida Memorial University,"** by WIOD's Isha Thorpe: "Almost five years after Trayvon Martin's life was taken away from him, Florida Memorial University is honoring the young man, who would've been 22 years old today, with a Bachelor's of Aeronautical Science degree." [Read more](#)

**STUNG -- "Beekeepers on edge over tupelo honey season,"** by Panama City News Herald's Katie Landeck: "The tupelo trees still are blooming, but beekeepers are not excited about this year's crop of tupelo honey. 'The 2017 tupelo season is not looking good. Terrible is a better word, actually,' said Brian Bertonneau, the owner of Smiley Honey." [Read more](#)

#### ... ODDS, ENDS AND FLORIDA MEN ...

**BAD DOC -- "State reopens investigation of Miami doctor who called broker during baby's delivery,"** by Miami Herald's Daniel Chang: "The Florida Department of Health has reopened an investigation into a Miami obstetrician who took an eight-minute phone call from his stockbroker while delivering a baby. The child suffered permanent brain damage, leading to a \$33.8 million medical malpractice award for the parents in April. An attorney for the mother said Thursday that the health department has asked to interview Marla Dixon of Miami Gardens about her son's birth on Dec. 2, 2013, at North Shore Medical Center." [Read more](#)

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- "After scolding goes viral, Hillsborough judge removes herself from case involving USF Bulls player," by Tampa Bay Times' Sue Carlton: [Read more](#)
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**WOLF OR SHEEP? -- "Lake deputy fired for waving weapons, quoting Denzel Washington in 'Training Day'," by Orlando Sentinel's Jason Ruiter:** "Lake County deputy sheriff has been fired for playfully waving his firearm and taser while quoting lines from Denzel Washington in 'Training Day,' an action movie about a corrupt cop, the Sheriff's Office said Thursday. Deputy Dean Zipes, who was hired in December 2015, was fired April 21 for the incident and other allegations that Zipes twice pulled out his firearm in an office setting and once made a motion to draw his service weapon at a pizza delivery boy, joking that he was alleged Orlando cop-killer Markeith Loyd." [Read more](#)

**WHITE, POWDERY DOG FOOD -- "Trainer's license revoked after greyhounds test positive for cocaine at Derby Lane," by Tampa Bay Times' Tony Marrero:** "One day last January, a greyhound named Flying Tidalwave ran the sixth race at Derby Lane, crossing the finish line in fourth place. The dog, according to state records, had cocaine coursing through its veins. Urine samples collected from four other dogs in veteran trainer Malcolm McAllister's kennel over the next 17 days would later test positive for cocaine metabolites, records show. The positive test results have ended a nearly 40-year career of a trainer that a Debry Lane executive once called a 'wonderful patriarch of the industry.'" [Read more](#)

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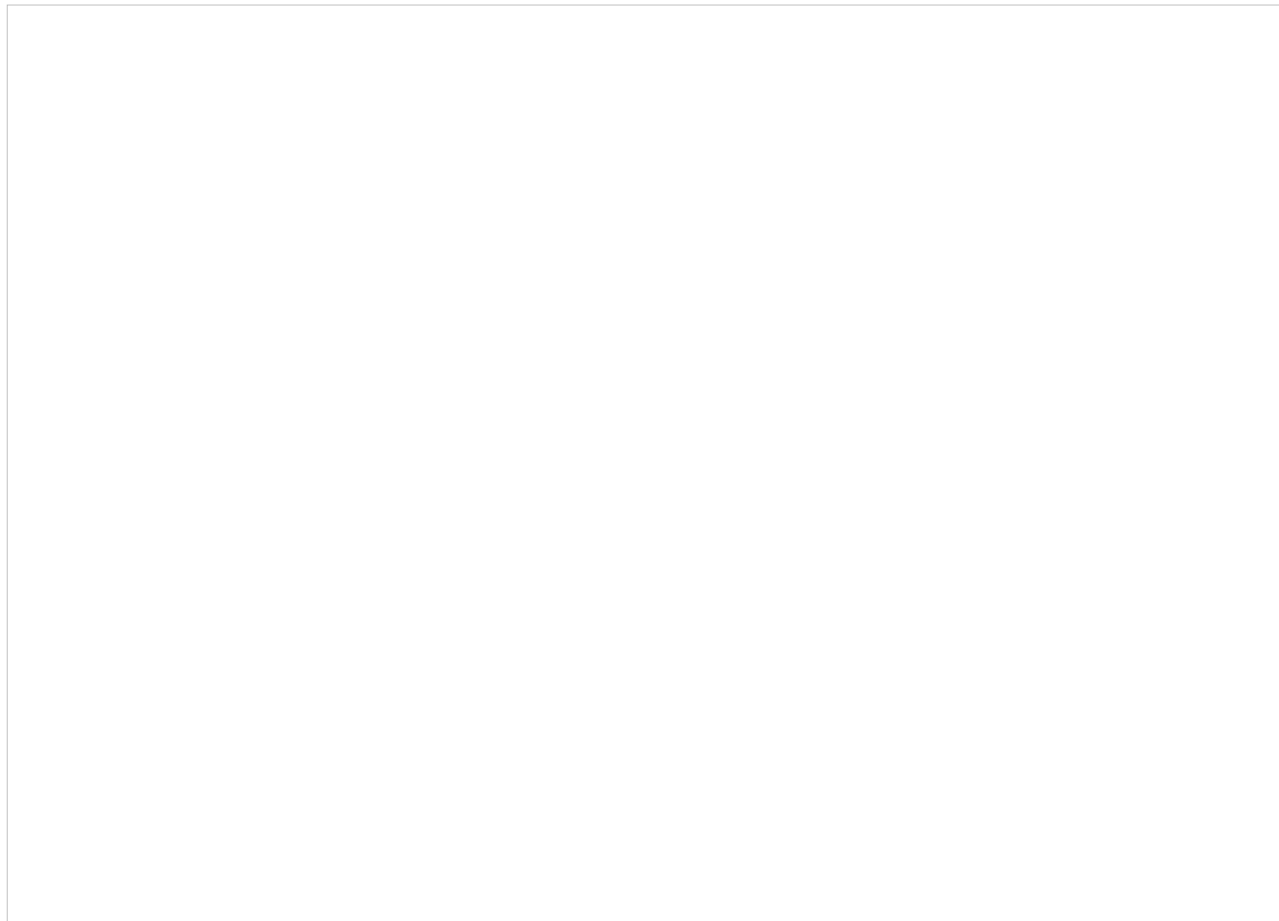


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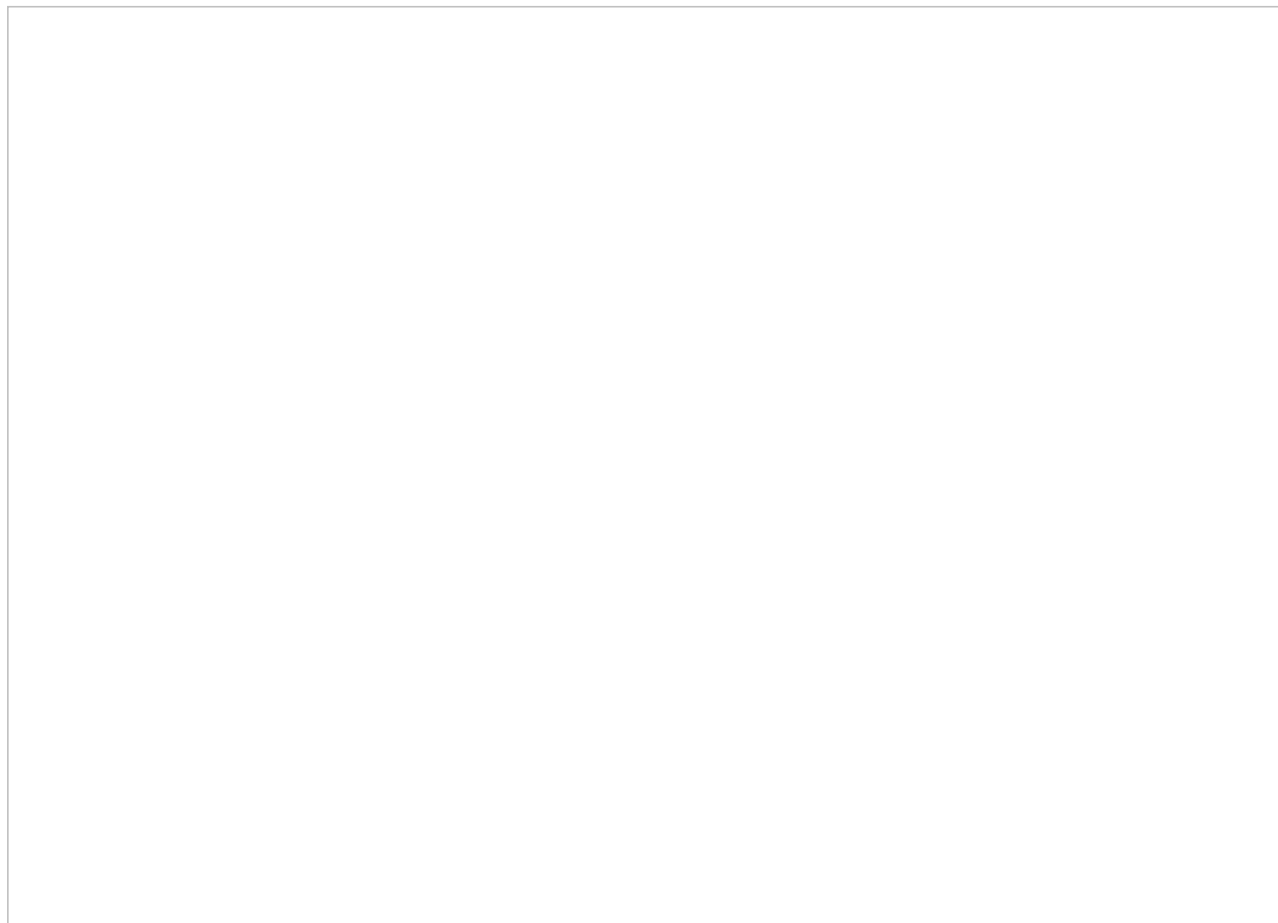
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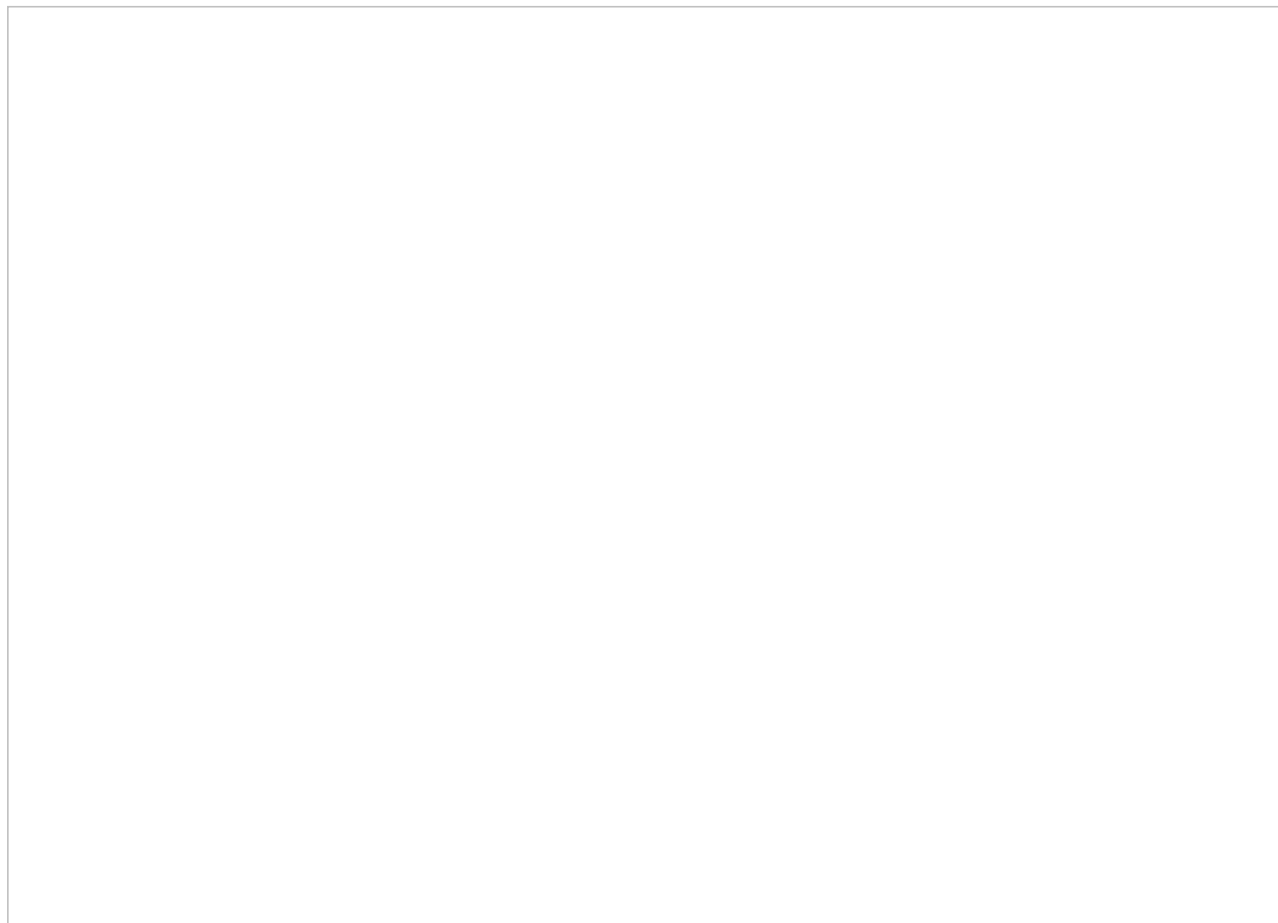
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Several members of the new commission are involved in complicated issues elsewhere. Kansas’ Kobach continues to be the target of numerous lawsuits regarding his state’s voter registration laws – and as part of those has been ordered by a court to [produce documents](#) he shared with the then President-elect on the topic of voter rolls. Maine’s Dunlap is in the middle of a dispute (which has reached the [State Supreme Court](#)) over whether his state will implement ranked-choice voting for federal elections. And the EAC’s McCormick is involved in a lawsuit over the agency’s authority to add state proof-of-citizenship laws to the federal voter registration form – with a [June 1 deadline](#) for responding to the court on a key issue in the case.

I’ll be curious to see how (if at all) the commission’s work affects these other developments – especially the EAC, which already faces intense Congressional scrutiny and beyond the lawsuit is carrying a heavy and broad workload in support of state and local election officials nationwide.

### Is the commission about election integrity or voter confidence?

Here’s the language about the mission of the commission:

*The Commission shall, consistent with applicable law, study the registration and voting processes used in Federal elections. The Commission shall be solely advisory and shall submit a report to the President that identifies the following:*

*(a) those laws, rules, policies, activities, strategies, and practices that enhance the American people’s confidence in the integrity of the voting processes used in Federal elections;*

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*(c) those vulnerabilities in voting systems and practices used for Federal elections that could lead to improper voter registrations and improper voting, including fraudulent voter registrations and fraudulent voting.*

The third subsection is what you might have expected, but the first two (“enhance/undermine”) focus not on the election system but Americans’ confidence in the system. As we’ve seen many times over the years, voter confidence often has little correlation to the actual conduct of elections but actually tracks other partisan or policy views – or even whether or not the preferred candidate won in the most recent election. The Vermont SoS had this observation [on Twitter](#):

*Fine print: not about investigating what undermines the ACTUAL integrity of elections, but how Americans FEEL about election integrity.*

That could be very important, given the intensity of feeling over these issues in the electorate. I’ll be watching to see how much of the commission is devoted to measuring confidence as opposed to assessing the election system.

### Is the improper/fraudulent distinction important?

The order contains the following definitions section:

*For purposes of this order:*

*(a) The term “improper voter registration” means any situation where an individual who does not possess the legal right to vote in a jurisdiction is included as an eligible voter on that jurisdiction’s voter list, regardless of the state of mind or intent of such individual.*

*(b) The term “improper voting” means the act of an individual casting a non-provisional ballot in a jurisdiction in which that individual is ineligible to vote, or the act of an individual casting a ballot in multiple jurisdictions, regardless of the state of mind or intent of that individual.*

*(c) The term “fraudulent voter registration” means any situation where an individual knowingly and intentionally takes steps to add ineligible individuals to voter lists.*

*(d) The term “fraudulent voting” means the act of casting a non-provisional ballot or multiple ballots with knowledge that casting the ballot or ballots is illegal.*

That’s an interesting distinction, given that intent is required to prove fraud in a criminal case. A lot of the rhetoric on this issue has focused on “fraud”, suggesting that individuals or groups are deliberately gaming the system; the inclusion of this distinction suggests the commission wants to cast its net wider. If the commission does indeed gather data on the scope of improper vs. fraudulent registration and voting – and if, as evidence has suggested, most problems are inadvertent or the result of confusion and/or error – I’ll be watching to see if that results in a ratcheting-down of fraud claims or (as opponents fear) it will result in calls to tighten the process further to prevent the potential for fraud.

Obviously, the announcement of the commission represents yet another flashpoint in an election integrity debate that is already full of them. How these questions and others affect the work of the commission if and when it gets underway remain to be seen. If the panel actually does get underway, you can expect it to color policy and political debates in the field for the foreseeable future.

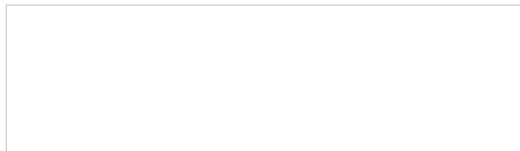
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**Subject:** Trump is attacking voters.



Friends,

I've

gone to court in states around the country, including here in Wisconsin, to protect the right to vote. And virtually every elections expert, election administrator, and judge has agreed: Voter fraud is extremely rare, and voter-impersonation fraud is rarer still.

**Despite**

**that, Donald Trump just signed an executive order yesterday establishing a commission on voter fraud and suppression.**

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hard to see the creation of this commission as anything other than a step toward new efforts to restrict voting access. Over the past decade, a number of states have manipulated their laws to make it harder to vote, often justifying those laws with bogus claims

of widespread voter fraud. And Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, one of the leading vote suppressors in America, will be a member of Trump's commission.

Following

one of the voting-rights trials in which I was involved, a federal judge in Wisconsin wrote that

*"the Wisconsin experience demonstrates that a preoccupation with mostly phantom election fraud leads to real incidents of disenfranchisement, which undermine rather than enhance confidence in elections, particularly in minority communities."*

Donald

Trump's commission is only going to make that problem worse. [Add](#)

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3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration	International Ballroom Foyer
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Vendor Setup	International Ballroom I
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Small Counties	ChampionsGate
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Board of Directors	ChampionsGate
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**Monday, June 19, 2017**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	International Ballroom Foyer
8:30 am – 9:15 am	Opening Ceremonies	International Ballroom II
9:30 am – 11:30 am	FSASE Business Meeting – SOE’s only	St. Andrews
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Staff Breakouts/Workshops	International Ballroom II
9:30 am – 10:10 am	GIS migration from street segments to Geo Points Gary Gordon – Indian River County Maureen Beard – Citrus County Tim Bobanic – Brevard County VR Systems – Wren Fowler	
10:10 am – 10:50 am	Election equipment inventory management Will Stewart – Leon County Tim Williams – Alachua County Dozel Spencer – Broward County	
10:50 am - 11:30 am	Design of vote-by-mail envelopes to reduce errors in mailing Robin Conte – Clay County	
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own	
1:00 pm – 4:45 pm	User Group Meetings	
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Election Systems & Software Dominion Voting Systems	International Ballroom II St. Andrew’s



1:50 pm – 3:00 pm	VR Systems	International Ballroom II
3:10 pm – 3:55 pm	User Groups 1. ICW 2. Cathedral/Fidlar 3. Knowink	Royal Melbourne Royal Dublin St. Andrews
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	User Groups 1. Runbeck 2. Konnech 3. Clear Ballot	Royal Melbourne Royal Dublin St. Andrews
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception and	Ballroom Commons and
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner	International Ballroom III

**Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration	International Ballroom Foyer
7:15 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	International Ballroom Foyer
8:30 am – 11:30 pm	Division of Elections	International Ballroom II
11:45 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch Presentations & Recognitions Historian Interview - Teresa LePore FCEP	International Ballroom III
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Federal Voter Assistance Program – Meghan Kelly – State Legislative Affairs (FVAP)	International Ballroom II
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Critical Infrastructure Christy McCormick - Election Administration Commission	International Ballroom II
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Confrontation Avoidance and Dealing with an Active Intruder – Deputy James Froelick Osceola County Sheriff Office	International Ballroom II
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Discussion on Office Security – Panel: Craig Latimer – Hillsborough County SOE David Stafford - Escambia County SOE Terry Vaughn – Bradford County SOE	International Ballroom II

Dinner on your own



**Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

7:15 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	International Ballroom Foyer
8:30 am – 10:30 am	Division of Elections	International Ballroom II
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Online Registration Implementation – Panel: Maria Matthews – DOS      Chris Chambliss Alex Mosca – DOS          David Stafford Leila Thompson – DOS      Wesley Wilcox Diana Vaughn – DMV       Paul Lux	International Ballroom II
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Lunch Swearing in of Officers & Board Recognitions FSASE Scholarship Presentations	International Ballroom III
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Census and VTD Update – James Whitehorne - Chief of Census Redistricting & Voting Rights Data Office Jay Ferrin – Staff Director, Florida Senate, Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee	International Ballroom III
2:10 pm – 2:55 pm	Protecting Information in the Digital Age – Billy Hall	Royal Melbourne
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7:30 am – 9:00 am	Buffet Breakfast	International Ballroom III
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## **Elections as Critical Infrastructure: Background**



# Purpose of Presentation

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understanding of  
Critical  
Infrastructure (CI)

Explain how  
elections fit  
within CI



# What is Critical Infrastructure (CI)?

- **The current definition comes from The Patriot Act**
- **The Patriot Act defines “critical infrastructure” (CI) as:**
  - **systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters (Sec. 1016(e)).**

**CI is a Patriot Act initiative to protect vital systems and assets**



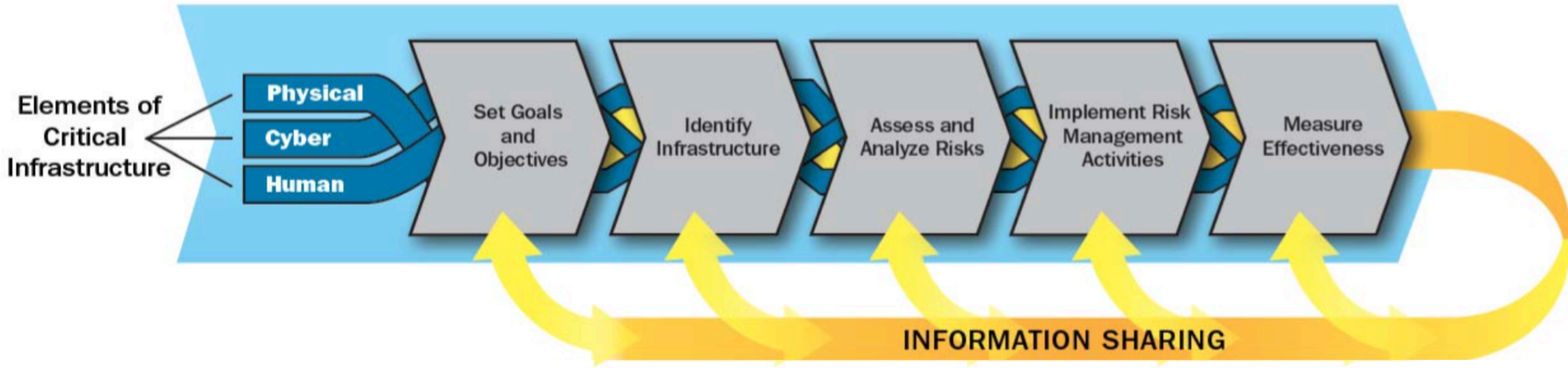
# History of Critical Infrastructure

- In response to the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, Congress passed the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001(P.L. 107-56).
- Purpose: To deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and for other purposes.
- Justification: Private business, government, and the national security apparatus increasingly depend on an interdependent network of critical physical and information infrastructures.

**The current definition of CI was a response to 9/11  
to protect critical assets**



# Goals and Framework of CI



## Three strategic imperatives shall drive the Federal approach to strengthen critical infrastructure security and resilience:

1) Refine and clarify functional relationships across the Federal Government to advance the national unity of effort to strengthen critical infrastructure security and resilience

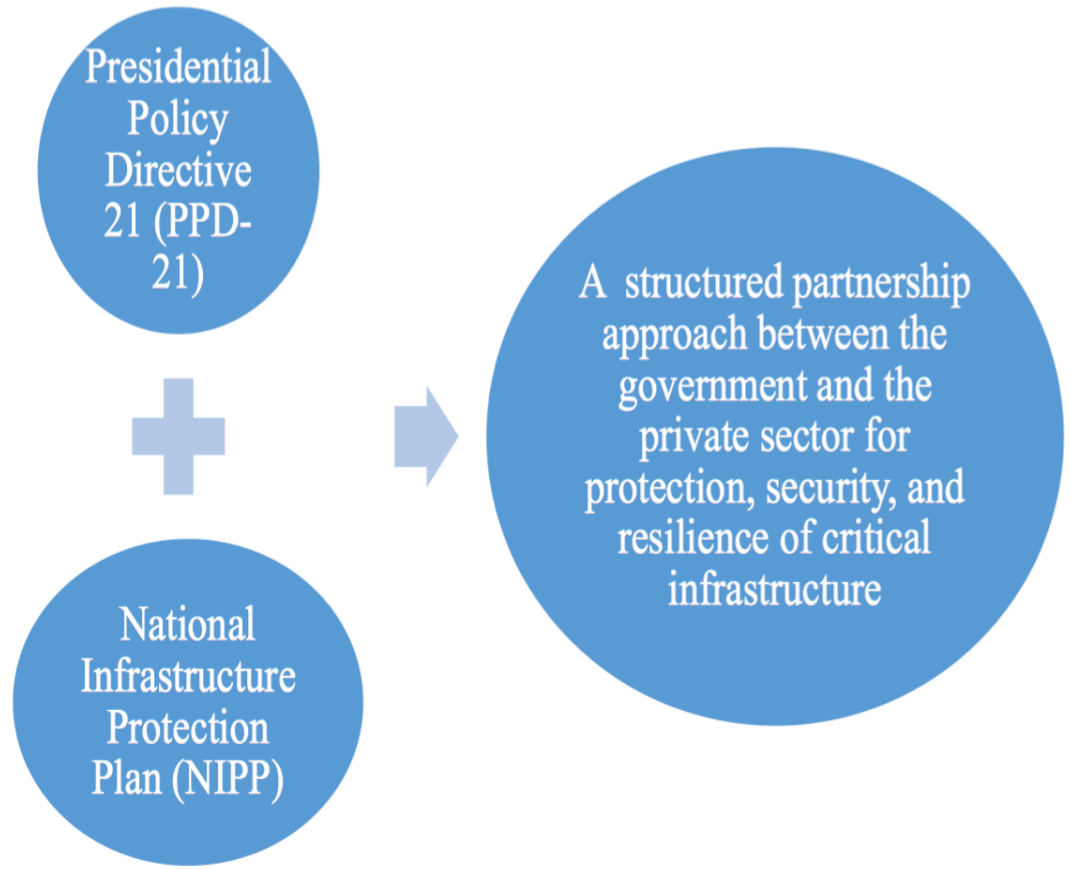
2) Enable effective information exchange by identifying baseline data and systems requirements for the Federal Government

3) Implement an integration and analysis function to inform planning and operations decisions regarding critical infrastructure.



# Guiding Documents and Framework

**These documents establish the mechanisms for collaboration between the private sector and government in protecting CI**





# Key Entities and Roles Within a CI Sector

- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** – Leads the national effort by providing strategic guidance, promoting national unity of effort, and coordinating the overall Federal effort.
- **Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs)** – Coordinates and collaborates with DHS and other relevant Federal departments and agencies, with CI owners and operators.
- **Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs)** – SCCs serve as principal collaboration points between the government and private sector owners and operators. They consist of representatives from the private sector.
- **Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs)** – Consist of representatives from various levels of government (including Federal and State, Local, Territorial and Tribal (SLTT)), as appropriate to the operating landscape of each individual sector.
- **State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC)**  
–SLTTGCC promotes the engagement of SLTT partners in national critical infrastructure.



# Sector-Specific Agency (SSA) Definition and Role

- **Definition:**
- Sector- a logical collection of assets, systems, or networks that provide a common function to the economy, government, or society; the *National Plan* addresses 16 critical infrastructure sectors. Additionally, sub-sectors can be created.
- **SSA Roles:**
- Serve as a day-to-day Federal interface for the dynamic prioritization, collaboration, and coordination of sector-specific activities.
- Carry out incident management responsibilities consistent with statutory authority and other appropriate policies, directives, or regulations.
- Provide, support, or facilitate technical assistance and consultations for that sector to identify vulnerabilities and help mitigate incidents, as appropriate.
- Support the Secretary of Homeland Security's statutory reporting requirements by providing, on an annual basis, sector-specific CI information.



# 16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors and Their Corresponding Agencies & Councils

Critical Infrastructure Sector	Sector Specific Agency	Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council		
		Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs)	Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs)	Regional Consortia
Chemical	Department of Homeland Security	✓	✓	Regional Consortium Coordinating Council
Commercial Facilities ⓘ		✓	✓	
Communications ⓘ		✓	✓	
Critical Manufacturing		✓	✓	
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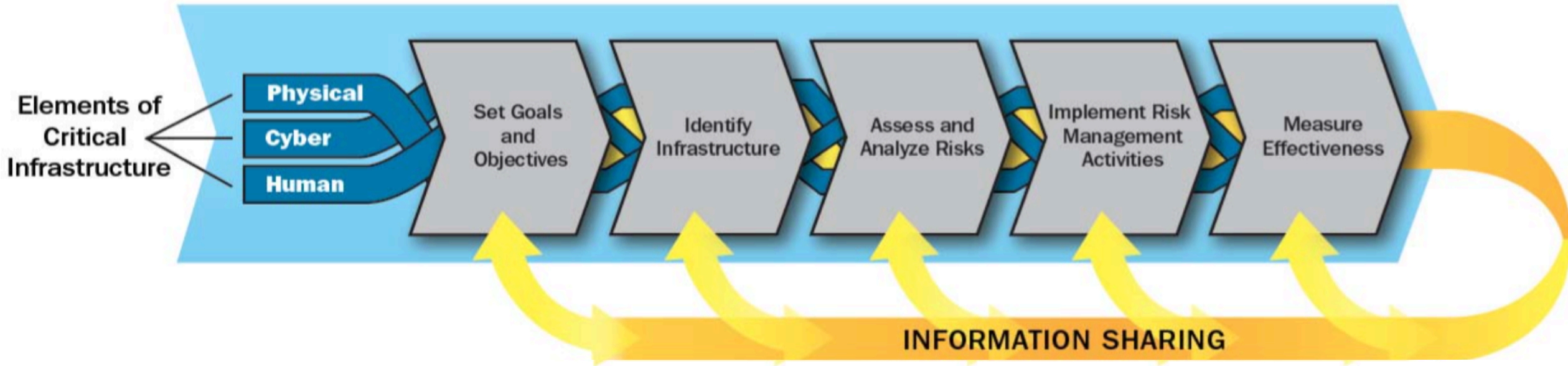
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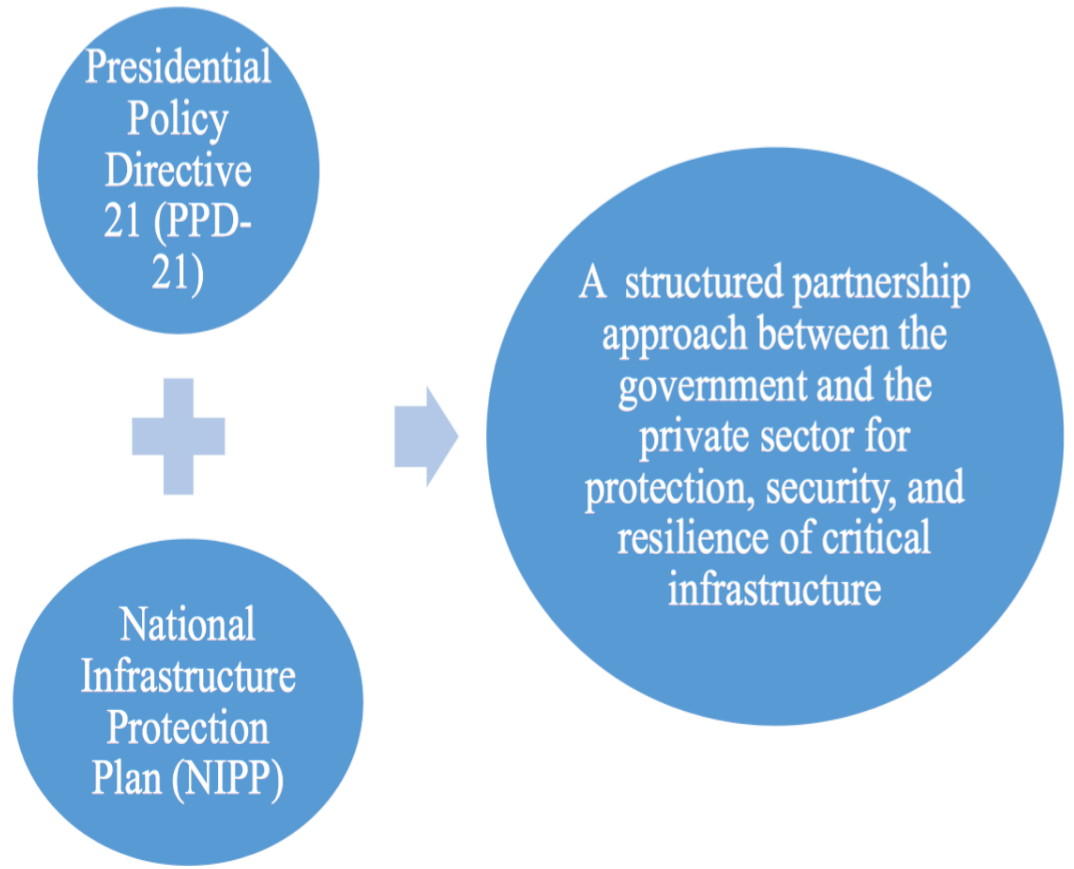
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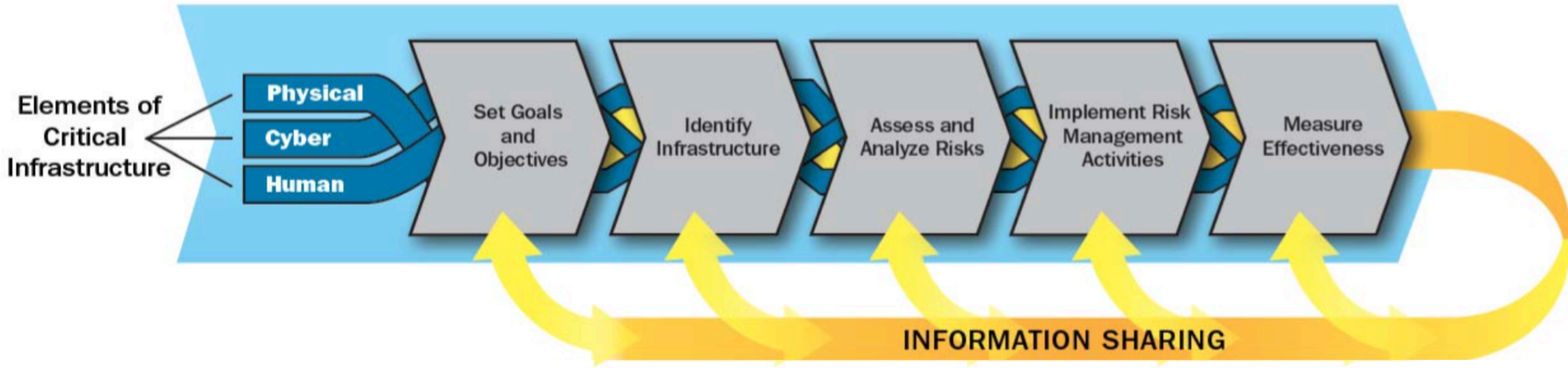
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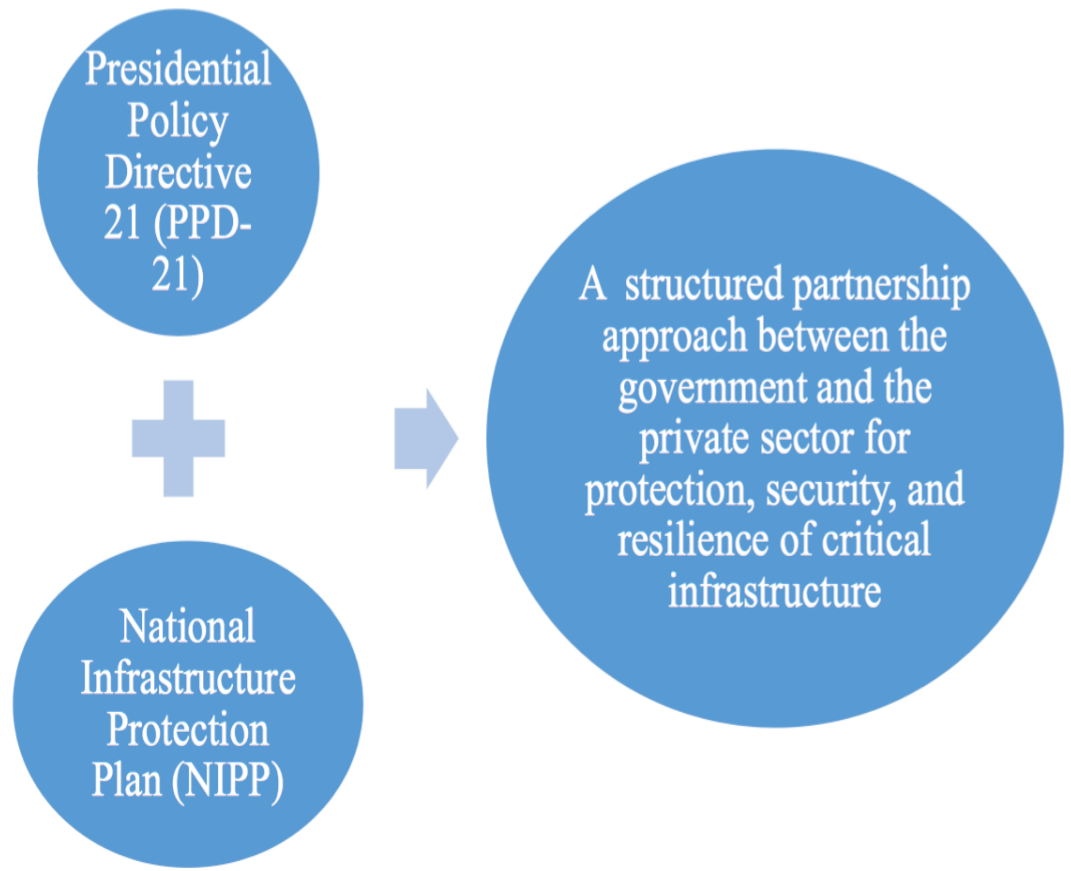
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First of all, there is no rampant voter fraud, here in Collier County, the State of Florida, nor for that matter, any where in the United States. This is just another excuse for a political party in power to push more of their "voter suppression tactics" which have been going on for years in states where they hold majority status in the state legislatures and governorships (like Florida).

While I am not an attorney, I have reason to believe such requests by the Federal Government are unconstitutional. I would hope that you speak out against these requests as our Supervisor of Election here in Collier County.

Why, if this whole thing is not a sham, would the Kansas Secretary of State be appointed Vice Chair of this Commission? Kris Kobach has done everything in his power to limit the number of voters from their right to vote in the State of Kansas. After reviewing over 1.5 million cases in his state, less than 10 were found to have any chance at all leading prosecution. Mr. Kobach was just fined \$1,000 for "presenting misleading information in a voter related lawsuit". One in seven voters in Kansas were unable to vote because of his strict "voter registration laws".

This Commission is nothing more than an attempt to **manufacture evidence of widespread voter fraud**, mostly because President Trump "lost the popular vote in the 2016 election" and Vice President Pence and Mr. Kobach are known leaders in widespread voter suppression tactics in their respective states.

Please Jennifer, I am counting on you to stand up for all voters in Collier County, like you have done so many times in the past. Also help our Secretary of State make the right decision to NOT turn over any voter data to this commission.

Thanks so much.

Steve

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## The Inside Story on James B. Comey

Posted on [May 18, 2017](#) by [State of the Nation](#)

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### Former FBI Director the Ultimate Inside Man

#### **SOTN Editor's Note:**

The following exposé was originally posted as an excellent comment on Facebook.

There is an additional exposé on James Comey which presents an ironclad case against him for dereliction of duty, obstruction of justice and official misconduct as follows:

[DETAILING THE COMMISSION OF COMEY CRIMES](#)

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May 18, 2017

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### Subject: Dropping the Hammer on Comey...Brilliant!

There are very few crime/mystery novels that approach this true story for compelling drama, intrigue and brinkmanship (with the nation in the balance).

Don't believe the fake-media story that Trump made a mistake or huge gaffe by firing Comey.

Don't believe the media narrative from the left that it was an attempt to silence Comey from some investigation into Trump. Don't believe the RINO narrative that Comey is a good guy just trying to do his job in terrible circumstances and the timing was bad.

Don't believe the lie that Comey was admired and respected by career FBI investigators and agents.

Don't believe the lie that Trump's "tweets" are not professional and have no strategic purpose. His tweets are weaponized and deadly.

James Comey is a poisonous snake of the highest order... a deep-water Swamp Denizen who has been highly paid to deliberately provide cover for high-level corruption by the Clintons and Obama. He is has been central to trying to destroy the Trump campaign and then the Trump administration from the start. He is as dirty as they come in DC. He had highest-level cover (the FBI no less) and was deep into an effort to eliminate Trump. Trump had to move hard, fast, and at exactly the right time to cut the head off the snake without getting bitten by the snake or being finished by the other swamp denizens.

Begin by noticing how the President fired Comey when Comey was 3,000 miles away from his office, that Comey had no inkling he was being cut, that all his files, computers, and everything in his office were seized by his boss Sessions and the justice department. This was not a violation of protocol, it was tactical. Notice how Prez Trump compartmentalized the strike and did not inform any of his White House "staff" to prevent leaks. Notice how he emasculated Comey and the swamp denizens by letting them know in a tweet that the Attorney General got information (surveillance "tapes" from the seizure of Comey's office) to let Comey and his handlers know that Trump's DOJ has the goods on them. This was a brilliant, strategic and totally imperative move at exactly the right time against horrible, evil and corrupt powers infesting our government.

The swamp is on notice that the President is on to them, they are sweating bullets because their criminal games of corruption are being pursued and they know it. They are screaming and ranting because they are desperate denizens of the swamp who are beginning to realize they are roadkill.

THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COMEY SCAM. Taken from credible public sources (readily available if



you want to look or want me to sent them to you), with a few reasonable “fill in the blank” conclusions of my own.

#### The Highlights:

Comey was a minor assistant US attorney in the late 90's. He only gained power and money by being the DOJ official who “investigated” and cleared Bill Clinton of any wrong-doing in Clinton's totally corrupt pardon (for huge payoffs) of criminal financier Marc Rich as Clinton was leaving the Presidency. This is how Comey began his career as a creature of the “swamp” years ago, as a servant of the Clintons.

Comey provided “cover” for the Clintons in their gaining incredible power and wealth after leaving office through pardoning a billionaire money-launderer, arms dealer and criminal. Comey was a key piece in how the Clintons upped their corruption game and gained incredible wealth through their foundation after leaving the White House. A huge part of the scheme was giving Marc Rich a free pass when he should have spent life in prison, and that is what Comey covered-up for the Clintons. This set up Comey to be part of the corruption machine, making him powerful and wealthy.

Immediately after doing the Clinton's dirty work as a DOJ official, Comey resigned from the DOJ and took a position as the head attorney (Counsel) of the Lockheed Martin company, a huge military contractor. While he was in that position Lockheed became a major contributor (millions) to the Clinton Foundation and its fake charity spin-offs. In return for these payment to Clinton Inc., Lockheed received huge contracts with Hillary's state department. Comey was the chief legal officer of Lockheed throughout this period of contributions to Clinton Inc. in return for State Dept. contracts.

In late 2012, after overseeing Lockheed's successful relationship with the Hillary State Department and the resulting profits, Comey stepped down from Lockheed and received a \$6 million dollar payout for his services.

In 2013, the largest bank of England, HSBC Holdings, was deep into a scandal. Investigations by federal authorities and law-enforcement had revealed that for years HSBC had been laundering billions of dollars for Mexican Drug Cartels, channeling money for Saudi banks who were financing terror, moving money for Iran in violation of the sanctions, and other major criminal activity. HSBC's criminality was pervasive and deliberate by the Bank and its officials. HSBC was a huge Clinton Foundation contributor (many millions) throughout the “investigation” and Bill Clinton was being paid large personal fees for speaking at HSBC events (while Hillary was Sec of State). Eric Holder and the Obama Justice Department did what they were paid to do, and let HSBC off of the hook for a paltry 1.2 Billion dollar fine (paid by its stockholders), and not one Director, officer or management member at HSBC was fired or charged with any criminal. Exactly when everyone involved with HSBC Bank (including the Clintons and all of their “donors”) were being let off without penalty, and cover had to be provided to HSBC, Comey was appointed as a Director and Member of the Board of HSBC (in the middle of the fallout from the scandal). He was part of the effort to cover up the scandal and make HSBC “respectable” again.

After about a year as HSBC director, despite his lack of any law enforcement experience, no DOJ leadership experience, and no qualifications for the job, Comey was appointed FBI director by Obama. The only qualification Comey had was that the Clinton's and their cronies knew Comey was in bed with them, was compromised and was willing to do their dirty work. Comey was appointed to the FBI right when Hillary was leaving the State Department, and was vulnerable to the FBI because she had been using a private-server, mis-handling classified information, selling access to favors/contracts from the State Department to Clinton Foundation Donors (including Comey's Lockheed Martin), and much more. Remember that this was about the time the Inspector General of the State Department found over 2 billion “missing” from the State Department finances during Hillary's tenure.

The obvious conclusion is that Comey was appointed to the FBI (along with other reliable Clinton-Obama cronies) to run interference for the Clinton's and Obama's at the nation's federal law enforcement agency (in conjunction with a corrupt Department of Justice). Comey was and is owned by the Clintons. He owed all of his power and wealth to being part of their machine and providing them with cover.

In late 2015 and early 2016, information began to come out about the Clinton Foundation and its use by the Clinton's as a multi-billion dollar slush fund for corruption and political favors (even Chelsea's wedding had been paid for by the “charity”). This was right as Hillary was beginning her campaign for President. It was revealed that the Foundation had never completed required reports or had an audit. Supposedly the FBI, under Comey, began an “investigation” of the Clinton Funds. A “professional” accounting firm was brought in by the Clintons to do a review, file some reports, make recommendations to the Clinton Foundation Board, and provide a veneer of legitimacy to the Clinton Fund operations. Predictably, one of the partners in the firm that was chosen (and paid lots of money) is the brother of James Comey (FBI Director). This brother owes James Comey \$700,000 for a loan James gave him to buy a house, and presumably some of the money from the Clinton Fund was used to make payments to James on the loan. Over 2 years later and nothing has happened as a result of the FBI “investigating” the Clinton Funds under Comey.

No one in congress or federal law enforcement was intending to actually pursue the Clintons, but Judicial Watch and other independent sources obtained information proving that Hillary had been running her own server, sending out classified information, etc. This information began to come out right in the middle of her campaign to be coronated as President. A “show” investigation had to be performed to appear to look into it and clear her. Who to use?...the reliable shill James Comey.

As head of the FBI, Comey (and his lackeys in key positions) deliberately screwed up the investigation into Hillary's use of a private server and her plain violation of national security law on classified information. The investigation was deliberately mis-handled in every aspect. Comey gave immunity to all of Hillary's lackeys, did not use subpoenas or warrants, lost evidence, allowed the destruction of evidence, failed to do any searches or seizures of evidence, did not use a grand-jury, did not swear witnesses, did not record testimony, allowed attorneys to represent multiple suspects (corrupting the testimony). Everything that could be done to ruin the FBI investigation and to cover for Hillary was done. A “slam-dunk” case became a mess. Immunity was given every witness even though they provided no help. Maybe more importantly, by focusing the FBI on the email scandal, attention was drawn away from the much bigger scandal of the Clinton Foundation that could bring down a huge number of corrupt politicians, lobbyists, and even governments.



Originally, Comey's job was simply to totally botch the Hillary investigation and ruin the case against her and her minions within the FBI regarding her emails. At the same time Comey also started work on a parallel assignment to illegally "wiretap" and surveil Donald Trump and every other person involved in the Republican campaign. He was tasked with digging up any dirt or fact that could be used to hurt the Trump campaign later. This included using a fake "dossier" paid for by the Clinton campaign to obtain authorization for the surveillance and to try to associate Trump's campaign with the Russians. Under Comey's direction the Trump/Republican campaign was monitored and surveilled and all information was provided to the Obama Whitehouse and the Clinton camp all during the campaign.

Loretta Lynch was supposed to complete the coverup for Hillary as Attorney General by issuing a finding that the deliberately botched FBI "investigation" did not justify prosecution of Hillary. But someone screwed up and Bill Clinton was video'd meeting with Loretta Lynch in Arizona shortly before she was supposed to make her decision on Hillary (interference with a federal investigation), and Lynch could no longer credibly squash the Hillary scandal. The solution, give the job to James. The Clinton's owned him and he would have to do whatever is necessary to provide cover.

Comey goes on national TV and violates every rule of the FBI, the Justice Department and American law enforcement by revealing some of the FBI's "evidence" of what Hillary did (enough to make it look like the FBI and Comey did some investigation), then declaring that there was no "intent" and clearing Hillary. He did what he was ordered to do. The Justice Department and Obama backed Comey's coverup and it looked like Hillary had survived the scandal.

Then, right before the election, the NYPD obtained pervert Anthony Wiener's laptop and found classified emails from Hillary on the laptop. The NYPD began leaking details to new media outlets, and the story was about to explode. Comey once again stepped in to cover Hillary. He short-circuited the NYPD leaks by publicly acknowledging the laptop and the emails, but then claimed just days later that hundreds of thousands of emails had all been reviewed and "nothing new" was on the laptop. Once again, he had done his job. Providing cover and FBI "protection" for Hillary on the newest scandal when it broke.

If Hillary had won, Comey would have kept right on providing cover for the corruption of the Clinton machine. He would have kept the FBI paralyzed, prevented the Clinton Fund from being investigated, and continued to do his job as the Clinton's personal scandal eraser at the FBI.

**BUT TRUMP WON.**

The Swamp and its bottom-dwelling denizens realize they are at risk from this political outsider who is not connected to the uni-party machines. Before Trump takes office, a "failsafe" plan is implemented to ruin Trump's administration and try to force him out of the Presidency. The key players committed to the plan are the Democrat politicians, the RINO establishment, the media, the Obama-Clinton operatives imbedded throughout the intelligence agencies and the entire bureaucracy, and most importantly, the Obama DOJ and JAMES COMEY. The scheme is to smear Trump with Russian "connections," through a fake FBI "investigation" and more importantly, to trap him into a charge of criminal interference with the FBI. COMEY IS THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE SCHEME TO TAKE DOWN TRUMP.

The surveillance of the Trump campaign is continued after he is elected, all participants are "unmasked" illegally, and the transcripts are leaked throughout the government and to the media. When General Flynn appropriately calls Russian officials on behalf of Trump, they brush off the old fake "dossier" and all of the surveillance of the campaign, and Comey creates the "Russian Conspiracy" investigation. With help by RINO swamp kingpin and warmonger sell-out McCain, the fake "Russian pee dossier" is leaked to the press. There is no actual evidence of any collusion or connection between Trump or his campaign with Russia, but that does not prevent Comey from initiating an "investigation" at the FBI. This provides Comey with protection from Trump firing him immediately. Comey (or his minions) constantly leak news of the "Russia Investigation" to the media, and the media does its scripted part by screaming constantly about "Russia". The Democrats fill their roles and constantly scream about "Russia." McCain and the RINO establishment do their part by promising to "investigate" how the Russians influenced the campaign.

Immediately after Trump is sworn in, the DOJ Hillary/Obama operatives and Comey start the direct attack. This is before Sessions has been appointed to the Department of Justice and the DOJ is still controlled by Obama operatives. DOJ Obama appointee Sally Yates approaches the White House with news that General Flynn had been in contact with Russia and alleges that he might be compromised. She reveals that there is an FBI "investigation" into the Russia ties (which they are constantly leaking to the media themselves). The White House Counsel (who Yates talks to, not Trump) asks for some more information.

The day before the promised additional information is to be provided by Yates to the Whitehouse, Comey sets up a dinner with Trump. If he can get Trump to ask about Flynn or try to intervene regarding Flynn or Russia, then Trump can be charged with "interfering with an FBI investigation." MY OPINION IS THAT COMEY SURVEILLED AND "TAPED" THIS MEETING IN HIS ATTEMPT TO SET UP TRUMP.

This is a two-pronged attack. It protects Comey and DOJ Democrat holdovers from being terminated by the new administration because they are involved in an "ongoing investigation" that they control the timetable on (albeit one with absolutely no evidence). If Trump fires Comey then he is "interfering with the investigation" which is itself a federal crime that the FBI could then "investigate." Alternatively, if they can get Trump to question Comey about Flynn or try to get him to back off of Flynn or the "Russia" investigation, then they again have him "interfering."

Trump knows it is a set up by Comey and that he is probably being recorded (tips from FBI or DOJ who are not part of the corruption?) Maybe because his phone calls in the White House as President have already been bugged and released to the media (FBI is in the best position to do this). Maybe because he was used to the Mafia in NY trying to shake him down every time he built a hotel. Comey tells Trump that Trump is not under investigation regarding Russia, but that others involved with the campaign are being investigated. Trump does not take the bait and attempt to intervene about Flynn or the Russia scam. Later, Flynn is cut loose because he is being used by Comey and the Obama-holdover Justice to try to damage Trump. He did nothing wrong, but if he stayed, the charge of "interfering with an investigation" might seem to have



teeth. Comey verbally tells Trump on two more occasions that he is not being investigated, but refuses to state this fact publicly or when testifying in Congress.

Trump knows everything I have gone through above about Comey. But he has to move carefully. He has to get his Attorney General and Deputy AG in place, get enough leverage on the Russia narrative, and ideally get rid of Comey in a way that allows him to obtain all the information that Comey has been accumulating (if he is taping Trump, he is taping others). Comey, and others testify in Congress. Under oath, both Sally Yates and Intelligence officials from the Obama administration state that there has been no actual evidence of any collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. More importantly, Comey, while refusing to say that Trump is not under investigation, testifies that he has informed the Senate Intelligence Committee heads who exactly is under investigation regarding Russia.

Trump tells almost no one at the White House that he is moving against Comey (so no leaks... no listening in on his conversations). Trump somehow contacts Sen. Grassley (the Chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee) and confirms that Comey told the Senator that Trump was not under investigation personally. Trump gets both the Attorney General and the new Deputy Attorney General to legitimately review Comey's unprofessional actions at the FBI and to recommend in writing that Trump terminate Comey. Somehow Comey goes to California (at the request of AG Sessions or already scheduled and someone at FBI telling Trump?).

Trump seizes the moment and acts. While Comey is in California, 2300 miles away and 7 hours from his office, Trump prepares a letter firing him (with Sessions and the Deputy AG recommendations attached). In the letter Trump states that he had been told 3 times by Comey that he (Trump) was not under investigation. The letter is hand-delivered to the FBI headquarters by DOJ officials to lock-down and seize everything in Comey's office, including all surveillance files ("tapes") of Trump and others. All of Comey's files, docs, computers and "tapes" are taken to Sessions at DOJ. They are not taken to the White House or Trump, but to Sessions, who has every right to have them. Sessions can tell Trump that Comey had surveillance tapes of Trump that contradict what Comey has been telling Trump, and perhaps tapes of conversations with other swamp "conspirators." But Trump does not have them personally or at the White House.

Comey learns he has been fired when the media broadcasts it in California. He had no idea it was coming and he is ticked. On cue, the Democrat politicians and media begin screaming about Trump's "interference with the Russia investigation" in accordance with the plan to set up Trump for that charge. The Swamp wants to blow up the Russia narrative using Comey, and Comey is set to testify before Congress to try to hurt Trump by saying he was interfering with the FBI investigation. Comey intends to follow through with the plan to take down Trump.

But because of his brilliant timing on this, Trump has Comey's files, documents and information safely with Sessions at DOJ. Trump sends out a "crazy" tweet that says: "James Comey better hope that there are no "tapes" of our conversations before he starts leaking to the press."

The media and the politicians go crazy about the "inappropriateness" of this tweet. They accuse Trump of "taping" everyone at the White House (forgetting that the President's phone calls with foreign leaders have been "taped" without his knowledge.)

Notice that Trump did not say he taped anyone, or that he has any tapes at the White House. It seems apparent that Trump is telling Comey that the DOJ (who has every legal right to possess it) has the surveillance information and files from Comey's office, the "tapes" obtained and kept by Comey. Comey and all the Swamp Creatures understand the clear message... their plan has failed and Trump's DOJ is now holding all the cards.

The whole Russian interference scheme crashes and burns. While the mouthpiece media, Hollywood and the insane fringe continue to scream about Russia and Comey being fired, the politicians who will soon be in the crosshairs of a legitimate (and ticked) FBI and DOJ are starting to fall strangely silent. Comey realizes all the leverage is with Trump and that he will be lucky if he is not added to the Clinton Death List because of his knowledge (better not take any baths near an electrical outlet or get on any airplanes).

Comey tells Congress he will not testify and writes a public letter to the FBI accepting his firing and telling them he does not want to discuss why or how he was terminated. Senator Grassley and Senator Feinstein (she must be covering her butt in fear ...) issue public statements confirming that Comey told them that the "Russia Investigation" does not involve President Trump personally.

AG Sessions and his Deputy AG use the Comey trove of information to determine who has been part of the Comey Syndicate at the FBI. They will be appointing an "interim" Director of the FBI shortly who has not been compromised by Comey, Clinton or Obama. That "interim" Director does not have to be approved by Congress or anyone, and can immediately begin cleaning house at the FBI of all Comey/Clinton/Obama minions, initiating investigations of the Clintons, Clinton Fund, violations of intelligence confidentiality laws by Susan Rice and Obama, human trafficking in DC, political corruption... draining the Swamp.

Using the Comey files they can be fairly certain they are not getting another Comey as an "interim", and they do not have to wait for the circus of appointing a new permanent "Director" through Congressional approval. Most of the heavy lifting on rooting out FBI corruption and starting investigations into the swamp will be done by the "interim" before a new director is appointed. I suspect the Trump administration hopes the approval FBI Director process will be slow and tedious, so there is no political interference with the housecleaning that is starting.

In one masterstroke, Trump has eliminated a truly toxic and dangerous enemy to his administration and our country, dealt a horrendous blow to the Clinton/Obama camp and *Deep State* machines, begun the restoration of the integrity of the FBI and the DOJ, and gained incredible ammunition to begin hunting the foul creatures in the swamp.



Happy Hunting, President Trump... and God Bless!

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| 3:50 pm – 4:30 pm   | Protecting Information in the Digital Age –<br>Billy Hall                                                                                                                                                            | Royal Melbourne              |



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Dinner on your own

**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

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| 7:30 am – 9:00 am | Buffet Breakfast | International Ballroom III |
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| 9:00 am – 10:30 am | <p>Civic Engagement - Panel:<br/>         Dr. Doug Dobson, Executive Director,<br/>         Lou Frey Institute at UCF<br/>         Kaiti Lenhart – Flagler County SOE<br/>         Shirley Anderson – Hernando County SOE<br/>         Susan Gill – Citrus County SOE<br/>         Beth Bedee – TOSA for Social Studies, K-12<br/>         Citrus County Schools<br/>         Liz Doyle – Vice President for Florida House<br/>         on the Hill</p> | International Ballroom II |
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Discussion of the 2016 and 2018 Student Mock Elections  
 Update on Statewide 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Civic Learning Process  
 Double Click Democracy  
 How to Work with the Social Studies Supervisor  
 Partnership with National Constitution Center

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| 10:30 am – 11:30 am | <p>Election Integrity in the Current Political and<br/>         Media Environment –David Becker –<br/>         Center for Election Innovation &amp; Research</p> | International Ballroom II |
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It has become common for statements that attempt to delegitimize democracy with claims of widespread voter fraud vote hacking or rigging. Voter confidence is thus reduced in the system and election professionals. David Becker has been in the middle of these discussions and will discuss how Florida can continue to stay above this fray.

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| 11:30 pm | Conference Wrap-up |
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## THE ONLY KIND OF PROTEST THAT WORKS:

Yesterday I wrote on the definition of globalism and the danger of the increasing power of centralized, gigantic businesses in the modern technology-driven economy. <http://vlt.tc/2wa1> Some readers expressed skepticism about my thesis, not as to the prevalence of gigantism so much as to the power of these businesses to impact the way we live. This didn't seem to me a point in need of proof in an era in which ten percent of the world's public companies generate eighty percent of all profits, in which we've seen the number of publicly listed companies halve since 1997, and the number of startups is lower than we've seen in nearly forty years. <http://vlt.tc/2wa2> But an easy way to understand the level these increasingly centralized institutions can alter the course of the country is to examine the kinds of protests that currently work in 21st Century America, and the kind that fail.

There has been a long history of protest on the American left, animated not just by their ability to organize via unions and other social organizations, but by a tendency toward protest not shared by the voters of the right. That's one of the factors that made the Tea Party such a historical oddity. But it's fairly clear that when it comes to modern acts of protest, these movements are largely weak representations of demonstrative signaling rather than organizational efforts or movements likely to have any impact. Other than giving reporters something to cover, the marches for women, for science, and for every other effort in the past six months have achieved little. The protests outside Trump tower achieved nothing at all except additional costs to the taxpayers. Public demonstration is just not where it's at any more.

What's so hot right now, on the other hand, is boycotts and corporate-focused protest. It has been a factor from the right and the left in a very public way. The advertiser rollback from Fox News has had a major impact, one that's visible if you turn on the channel. The success of the campaign pushed out Bill O'Reilly and damaged Sean Hannity. We saw similar backlash this past week to Megyn Kelly's NBC interview with Alex Jones, which prompted McDonald's, Bank of America, Kia, and JP Morgan Chase to pull their ads on her program. <http://vlt.tc/2wa3> We saw similar pressure brought to bear on the corporate sponsors of the Public Theater – though there are limits to this (it seems notable that while Delta and Bank of America pulled their support, Time Warner never did publicly). <http://vlt.tc/2wa8>

This isn't just organic work. The group Sleeping Giants has been targeting advertisers on right wing websites generally, particularly focused on the most loyal defenders of Trump at Breitbart, who have seen their ads plummet after an organized campaign to target corporations. <http://vlt.tc/2wa4> They've partnered with other lefty groups and sympathetic online brands to promote and fund their corporate-targeted effort, designed to defund those on the right who share the president's views, and even those who don't. <http://vlt.tc/2wa6> Since they view the media of the right generally as racist and bigoted, don't expect them to stop there. <http://vlt.tc/2wa7>

This has an impact, and not just on media, and certainly not just on the right: according to a new Ipsos survey, 25% of Americans say they have stopped buying a product because of perceived political leanings of the brand in question. <http://vlt.tc/2w9s> A portion of those have to be referring to Target, considering that the boycott over its stance on Trans bathroom policy had an outsized and unexpected impact on their sales, which have dropped every quarter since the policy was announced (in a blog post their CEO never saw or



approved). <http://vlt.tc/2spz>

Now, boycotts are not new. They have been around since the days of no taxation without representation, and they can be quite effective. But these boycotts gain an outsized impact when the concentration of access to the digital infrastructure of ad networks is so centralized. Consider that Google and Facebook alone are expected to capture 85% of new advertising and 60% of digital spending in 2017. <http://vlt.tc/2wa0> There is no presumption of access to these networks, and media organizations deemed as dealing in racist or bigoted speech – perhaps even anti-science speech – could very easily end up seeing their revenues squeezed or cut off entirely. Yesterday, Tim Cook, Eric Schmidt, Jeff Bezos all emerged from the White House technology council meeting with praise for the president. <http://vlt.tc/2w9w> That's where they're at for now – but the forces that want their companies to become virtue signalers are not content with that. Sleeping Giants has referred to Amazon in particular as their "white whale", and they're now targeting Amazon's advertising on Breitbart with new mobile billboard rolling around on a truck in Seattle, demanding the company "stop funding bigotry". <http://vlt.tc/2wa5> This will not stop anytime soon.

In an environment in which everything's political, the ability of corporate brands to skirt these types of pressures becomes nearly impossible. And the impact that such boycotts could have on media is enormous. The only way to blow past them is to have a product that generates such loyalty and consumer buy-in as to be immune to the steady attacks from those in political disagreement. You may just have to have a product so good, people will buy it even if they feel a little ashamed about it and don't tell their friends. You may just have to have a sandwich as good as Chick-fil-A's.

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## THE ECONOMY:

Among the iPhone's Biggest Transformations: Apple Itself. <http://vlt.tc/2wap> "Ten years later, the iPhone is one of the best-selling products in history, with about 1.2 billion sold, generating about 740 billion in revenue. It skyrocketed Apple into the business stratosphere, unlocking new markets, spawning an enormous services business and helping turn Apple into the world's most valuable publicly traded company. But it also created enormous challenges for Apple, raising the bar for innovation and turning a company that thrived on its self-image as scrappy underdog into an industry leader, with a workforce more than six times what it was."

When does Amazon become a monopoly? <http://vlt.tc/2w7z> "As the country's biggest online retailer of cleaning supplies and home goods, Amazon competes with Walmart, Target, and Bed, Bath & Beyond. As a clothing and shoe retailer, it competes with DSW, Foot Locker, and Gap. As a distributor of music, books, and television, it competes with Apple, Netflix, and HBO. In the past decade, Amazon has also purchased the web's biggest independent online shoe store, its biggest independent online diaper store, and its biggest independent online comics store. And it is successful on nearly all of those fronts. Last year, Amazon sold six times as much online as Walmart, Target, Best Buy, Nordstrom, Home Depot, Macy's, Kohl's, and Costco did combined. Amazon also generated 30 percent of all U.S. retail sales growth, online or offline."

## SENATE GOP PREPARES FOR OBAMACARE VOTE:

A repeal vote as soon as next week? <http://vlt.tc/2w8k> "Senate Republicans are preparing to vote on Obamacare repeal next week, according to multiple sources familiar with the negotiations, potentially leaving rank-and-file lawmakers with no more than a week to review legislation that would affect millions of Americans and one-sixth of the U.S. economy.



sources said, provided this week's work goes smoothly. The timeline could change based on the response from individual senators toward the proposal at party meetings, but Republicans are increasingly optimistic they can hold a vote next week if this week's lunch talks go well." According to Mitch McConnell, stabilizing insurance market is GOP's top healthcare priority. <http://vlt.tc/2w8n>

Where does the health care industry stand on this? It doesn't love Obamacare enough to save it. <http://vlt.tc/2w9h> "It's a deliberate strategy, interviews with nearly 20 lobbyists and other experts suggest. Health industry groups generally don't love Obamacare enough to jeopardize their ability to shape the rest of the Republican agenda — including big corporate tax cuts. They also fear incurring White House retaliation.

"The Trump administration has already leveled direct threats to cut off federal subsidies to health insurers and to go after the drug industry, and Republicans hold the purse strings for the federal programs that cover many of the patients seen by the nation's doctors and hospitals."

One element: a delayed Medicaid phase-out. Chris Jacobs: <http://vlt.tc/2waj> "[I]f the federal match only begins to slow down in 2020—and slows down gradually at that—states that adopted the Medicaid expansion would have little incentive to start phasing people off the rolls, instead waiting to see the results of that fall's presidential election. States would only have to pay a slightly higher match rate, and only for a portion of their Medicaid expansion, because the House-passed bill allowed states to continue receiving the 90 percent match for enrollees in Medicaid as of December 31, 2019 who remain continuously enrolled.

"Under this scenario, the cost to states to retain their expansion in 2020 would rise, but not appreciably—by tens or hundreds of millions, depending upon the state's size, but certainly not by billions. Many states, particularly "blue states," would pay this added cost, at least for one year, as the price to see what happens on November 3, 2020."

#### **NORTH KOREA MURDERED UVA STUDENT:**

Otto Warmbier, American student detained in North Korea for 17 months, dies without ever speaking. <http://vlt.tc/2w8b> "It is our sad duty to report that our son, Otto Warmbier, has completed his journey home," his family said in part in a statement. "Surrounded by his loving family, Otto died today at 2:20 p.m."

"Doctors from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center said last week that Warmbier, 22, was suffering from injuries related to cardiopulmonary arrest and was in a state of unresponsive wakefulness. Scans showed extensive loss in all regions of Warmbier's brain, doctors said.

"Warmbier, a University of Virginia student, was medically evacuated from North Korea and flown to Cincinnati late last Tuesday. He was then transported to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center."

#### **CONFABS ON POPULISM:**

Dan Drezner. <http://vlt.tc/2w9i> "The public intellectuals attending these conferences were extremely dubious of the polling data; in their hearts, they believed that economic globalization had to be important. Furthermore, more research will be likely to focus on globalization than other causes, for methodological reasons. There are a lot of reasons behind the economic stagnation of the middle class. The China shock, however, represents a truly exogenous event with a clear identification mechanism. This is a fancy way of saying that China's entry into the World Trade Organization is much easier to use as a casual mechanism than other factors that might not be truly independent. For political scientists, it is much easier to use this event to see how citizens respond to negative economic factors than harder-to-isolate causes such as automation. As these scholarly papers are written and distributed, media coverage will focus on China or globalization rather than economic causes more generally."



## THE AWFUL PHILANDO CASTILE VERDICT:

Daniel Payne. <http://vlt.tc/2w9t> "It is a genuinely open question whether an American police officer can do almost anything without suffering criminal consequences. Americans have a profoundly stupid and misguided deferential attitude toward law enforcement, one which presumes that police officers—fallible, often incompetent, and frequently temperamental human beings—are worthy of some sort of extra-special benefit of the doubt about their professional behavior. American citizens have no problem suing doctors for their back molars on the flimsiest of pretexts, but we generally cannot bring ourselves to convict police officers for demonstrably inept and reckless behavior that often costs people their lives."

## VICE LANDS ALMOST HALF A BILLION IN FUNDING:

Amazing. <http://vlt.tc/2w8j> "Vice Media has raised 450 million in new funding from private equity firm TPG Capital, which brings its valuation to 5.7 billion. Noticeably missing from this round's contribution was Walt Disney Co., which invested 400 million into the company two years ago for what was then an 18% stake (which will likely be diluted).

"CEO Shane Smith told CNBC that the investment will help Vice build up "the largest millennial video library in the world," while also expanding its content options for its cable, mobile and digital platforms to include "news, food, music, fashion, art, travel, gaming, lifestyle, scripted and feature films." The company also continues to flirt with the idea of an IPO." A reminder that they average 96,000 primetime viewers. <http://vlt.tc/2w8w>

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## FEATURE:

How to deal with North Korea. <http://vlt.tc/2w99>

## BUILD ME UP, BUTTERCUP:

Broccoli has caused system failure. <http://vlt.tc/2w6g>

## JOB POSTING:

Digital Media Coordinator, Texas Public Policy Foundation. <http://vlt.tc/2w0j>

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

### Foreign:

New Kind Of Terror In London Sees Vigilante Attacking Muslims. <http://vlt.tc/2wah>

Paris terror attack targets police on the Champs-Elysees, suspect is yet another 'known wolf.'  
<http://vlt.tc/2w98>

China Isn't The Only Country To Blame For The World's North Korea Problem.  
<http://vlt.tc/2wao>

We Should Trust Cubans Who Fled Communism And Testify Of Its Horrors. <http://vlt.tc/2wad>

Dissidents in Cuba react to President Trump's new policy. <http://vlt.tc/2w9g>

Russia has developed a cyberweapon that can disrupt power grids, according to new research. <http://vlt.tc/2w8m>



Trump's Syria plan risks Russia and Iran creating 'more havoc for the West.'  
<http://vlt.tc/2w92>

Emmanuel Macron drags France, Inc. into the spotlight. <http://vlt.tc/2w9v>

There's method in Jim Mattis. <http://vlt.tc/2w93>

### **Domestic:**

Does Trump more accurately reflect the GOP coalition than elites do? <http://vlt.tc/2w8t>

Top 10 Wins And Failures Of President Trump's First 5 Months. <http://vlt.tc/2wag>

Mike Gerson: The GOP's hard, messy options for destroying Trumpism. <http://vlt.tc/2w9x>

Judicial Watch: Obama NSC advisor Susan Rice's unmasking material is at Obama library.  
<http://vlt.tc/2w88>

Jonathan Turley: Mueller, Rosenstein may have to recuse themselves. <http://vlt.tc/2w9n>

Dershowitz: Trump-Russia probe becoming 'too political,' 'criminalizing political differences.'  
<http://vlt.tc/2w96>

Interrupting 'Julius Caesar' is straight out of the Left's playbook. <http://vlt.tc/2w8c>

Trumpkins cry 'free speech'—and stab it in the back. <http://vlt.tc/2w8a>

Supreme Court rules the government can't refuse to register trademarks considered offensive. <http://vlt.tc/2w9p>

Liberals in strange places. <http://vlt.tc/2w8e>

It took two hours to walk from Jon Ossoff's house to Georgia's sixth district.  
<http://vlt.tc/2w8q>

Former state rep wins GOP nod to replace Chaffetz. <http://vlt.tc/2w9f>

New study shows what really happened in the 2016 election. <http://vlt.tc/2w8g>

The most popular 2020 Democratic prospects. <http://vlt.tc/2w8z>

Kamala Harris outrage illustrates feminism's inability to react in proportion. <http://vlt.tc/2w9r>

Oregon: Federal prosecutors decline to file charges against Kitzhaber, Hayes.  
<http://vlt.tc/2w8h>

Washington, DC's Metro is the worst in the world. <http://vlt.tc/2w9e>

The U.S. government will try to block FanDuel and DraftKings from merging.  
<http://vlt.tc/2w8y>

Computer-security firm says voter data set left unprotected online. <http://vlt.tc/2w90>

A hacking group is selling iPhone spyware to governments. <http://vlt.tc/2w9d>

Here's The Commencement Speech Hillary Clinton Should Have Given. <http://vlt.tc/2wak>

### **Media:**

Ignoring The Radical Left Is Worse Than Ignoring Alex Jones. <http://vlt.tc/2wae>



Spicer likely promoted out of press secretary job, looking for his replacement.

<http://vlt.tc/2w9z>

Annoyed CNN reporter: Sean Spicer is basically useless now and these off-camera press briefings are a disgrace. <http://vlt.tc/2w95>

Bill O'Reilly: Sandy Hook families deserve better than Alex Jones. <http://vlt.tc/2w8v>

Brzezinski: There are 'no real men' in the White House. <http://vlt.tc/2w8f>

National Post to eliminate Monday print edition. <http://vlt.tc/2w91>

Snap, Time Warner launch 100M content, advertising deal. <http://vlt.tc/2w8i>

Fox News' Eric Bolling considering Senate run. <http://vlt.tc/2w8s>

Erick Erickson dubs the Left 'American ISIS,' calls for secession. <http://vlt.tc/2w9l>

### **Health:**

Mary Katharine Ham calls out reporters for re-writing history on Obamacare.

<http://vlt.tc/2w8r>

A regulation that protects big-hospital monopolies. <http://vlt.tc/2w83>

Republicans Aren't "Sabotaging" Obamacare. It's Failing On Its Own. <http://vlt.tc/2wab>

Congressional Democrats Defend Obamacare At Their Own Peril. <http://vlt.tc/2wan>

### **Religion:**

East Lansing Bans Apple Farmer From Market For Being Faithful Catholic. <http://vlt.tc/2wac>

Atheist Richard Dawkins recommends kids read the Bible to understand culture and history.

<http://vlt.tc/2w8o>

### **Ephemera:**

Everything you need to know about the new UberBOAT service. <http://vlt.tc/2w9j>

Inside the insane feud between a vegan strip club and the steak house next door.

<http://vlt.tc/2w9b>

Virtue signaling works: 'Fearless Girl' steals the conversation. <http://vlt.tc/2w9k>

US Open champ Brooks Koepka's GF wins the broadcast. <http://vlt.tc/2w9o>

Tim Tebow mocked relentlessly by minor league team. <http://vlt.tc/2w9q>

Radio station criticized after cancelling appearance from Lindsay Ell over her 'personal life.'

<http://vlt.tc/2w8u>

How The Nanny State May Soon Destroy Fans' View Of Baseball Games. <http://vlt.tc/2wai>

10 years ago, WWE killed Vince McMahon in its most ridiculous storyline ever.

<http://vlt.tc/2w8p>

Even Lena Dunham Can No Longer Defend The Contraception Mandate. <http://vlt.tc/2wai>



Sorry, But Men Can't Get Periods. <http://vlt.tc/2waa>

Carrie Fisher's autopsy reveals cocktail of drugs, including cocaine, opiates and ecstasy. <http://vlt.tc/2w84>

New Scarlett Johansson female buddy comedy Rough Night flops. <http://vlt.tc/2w8d>

How did Jonah Goldberg not know how Superman cuts his beard? <http://vlt.tc/2w8l>

Jeff Koons' 'Ballerina' Reminds Us That Originality Matters. <http://vlt.tc/2wam>

Reddit's Accidental Wes Anderson. <http://vlt.tc/2w9a>

Man advertising for a wife, Maine, 1865. <http://vlt.tc/2w9y>

#### PODCAST:

Chris Bedford: Political Violence, Economic Populism, And Corporate Political Power. <http://vlt.tc/2wa9>

#### POEM:

"Follower" by Seamus Heaney. <http://vlt.tc/2w9c>

#### QUOTE:

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Note the last line of the 2nd paragraph. Also, apparently the House Intelligence Committee hearing is happening now. I wasn't sure when it was happening, but turned on the news and they had former DHS Secretary Jeh Jonson on testifying before the committee.

I appreciate your concern on the critical infrastructure matter and certainly hope we can have an impact on the process and formation, if we can't get the designation removed. Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of any assistance.

Best regards,

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Dear Supervisors and staff,

You may be receiving a number of inquiries regarding the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. The Secretary of State did receive a request recently from the Commission for information. (See attached letter). We are currently reviewing the letter.

Respectfully,

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## Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

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June 28, 2017

The Honorable Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State  
R.A. Gray Bldg., 500 S. Bronough, Ste. 100  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Detzner,

I serve as the Vice Chair for the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (“Commission”), which was formed pursuant to Executive Order 13799 of May 11, 2017. The Commission is charged with studying the registration and voting processes used in federal elections and submitting a report to the President of the United States that identifies laws, rules, policies, activities, strategies, and practices that enhance or undermine the American people’s confidence in the integrity of federal elections processes.

As the Commission begins its work, I invite you to contribute your views and recommendations throughout this process. In particular:

1. What changes, if any, to federal election laws would you recommend to enhance the integrity of federal elections?
2. How can the Commission support state and local election administrators with regard to information technology security and vulnerabilities?
3. What laws, policies, or other issues hinder your ability to ensure the integrity of elections you administer?
4. What evidence or information do you have regarding instances of voter fraud or registration fraud in your state?
5. What convictions for election-related crimes have occurred in your state since the November 2000 federal election?
6. What recommendations do you have for preventing voter intimidation or disenfranchisement?
7. What other issues do you believe the Commission should consider?

In addition, in order for the Commission to fully analyze vulnerabilities and issues related to voter registration and voting, I am requesting that you provide to the Commission the publicly-available voter roll data for Florida, including, if publicly available under the laws of your state, the full first and last names of all registrants, middle names or initials if available, addresses, dates of birth, political party (if recorded in your state), last four digits of social security number



if available, voter history (elections voted in) from 2006 onward, active/inactive status, cancelled status, information regarding any felony convictions, information regarding voter registration in another state, information regarding military status, and overseas citizen information.

You may submit your responses electronically to [ElectionIntegrityStaff@ovp.eop.gov](mailto:ElectionIntegrityStaff@ovp.eop.gov) or by utilizing the Safe Access File Exchange (“SAFE”), which is a secure FTP site the federal government uses for transferring large data files. You can access the SAFE site at <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/Welcome.aspx>. We would appreciate a response by July 14, 2017. Please be aware that any documents that are submitted to the full Commission will also be made available to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at the same email address.

On behalf of my fellow commissioners, I also want to acknowledge your important leadership role in administering the elections within your state and the importance of state-level authority in our federalist system. It is crucial for the Commission to consider your input as it collects data and identifies areas of opportunity to increase the integrity of our election systems.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Kobach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kris" and last name "Kobach" clearly distinguishable.

Kris W. Kobach  
Vice Chair  
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**Subject:** LWV Statement on Kobach Request for Voter Records

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Dear Leaguers,

Below is a statement from LWVUS President Chris Carson regarding Kris Kobach's - vice chairman of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity - request for voter records. Find out more at [LWV.org](http://LWV.org):

WASHINGTON, DC- The request for voter records confirms fears of **Kris Kobach** continuing his tactics of voter suppression and the genesis of the Elections Integrity Commission in general. The League of Women Voters president, **Chris Carson** released this statement on the issue:

"There is no justification for this giant fishing expedition. The Commission itself is a distraction from the real issue of voter suppression, and that efforts to 'investigate voter fraud' threaten our most fundamental voting rights.

"This most recent move by Mr. Kobach is an indicator that the so-called Election 'Integrity' Commission is not interested in facts, but false accusations and dangerous policy recommendations.

"State laws govern the release of voter registration information, and, at a minimum, election officials must follow those laws before releasing data. The League stands with those state leaders who have already come out to support their voters and refuse these requests from Mr. Kobach and the EIC."

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Good afternoon,

First of all, thank you for presenting at last week's FSASE Annual Summer Conference. The purpose of this message is to request that each of you email me your presentations from last week so that we can post them on the FSASE website.

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# **U.S Election Assistance Commission**

## **Elections as Critical Infrastructure: Background**



# Purpose of Presentation

Develop a baseline  
understanding of  
Critical  
Infrastructure (CI)

Explain how  
elections fit  
within CI



# What is Critical Infrastructure (CI)?

- **The current definition comes from The Patriot Act**
- **The Patriot Act defines “critical infrastructure” (CI) as:**
  - **systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters (Sec. 1016(e)).**

**CI is a Patriot Act initiative to protect vital systems and assets**



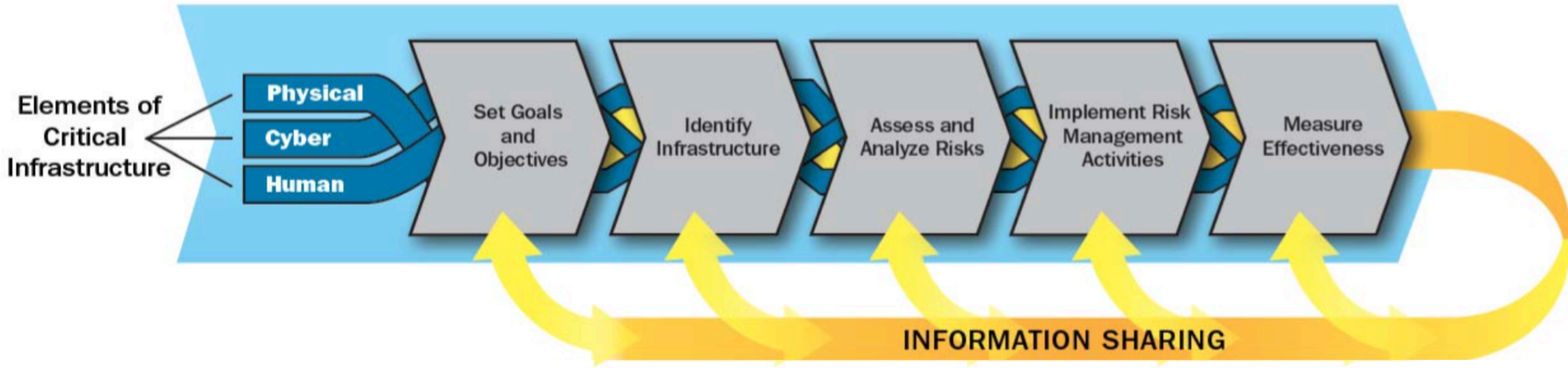
# History of Critical Infrastructure

- In response to the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, Congress passed the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001(P.L. 107-56).
- Purpose: To deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and for other purposes.
- Justification: Private business, government, and the national security apparatus increasingly depend on an interdependent network of critical physical and information infrastructures.

**The current definition of CI was a response to 9/11  
to protect critical assets**



# Goals and Framework of CI



## Three strategic imperatives shall drive the Federal approach to strengthen critical infrastructure security and resilience:

1) Refine and clarify functional relationships across the Federal Government to advance the national unity of effort to strengthen critical infrastructure security and resilience

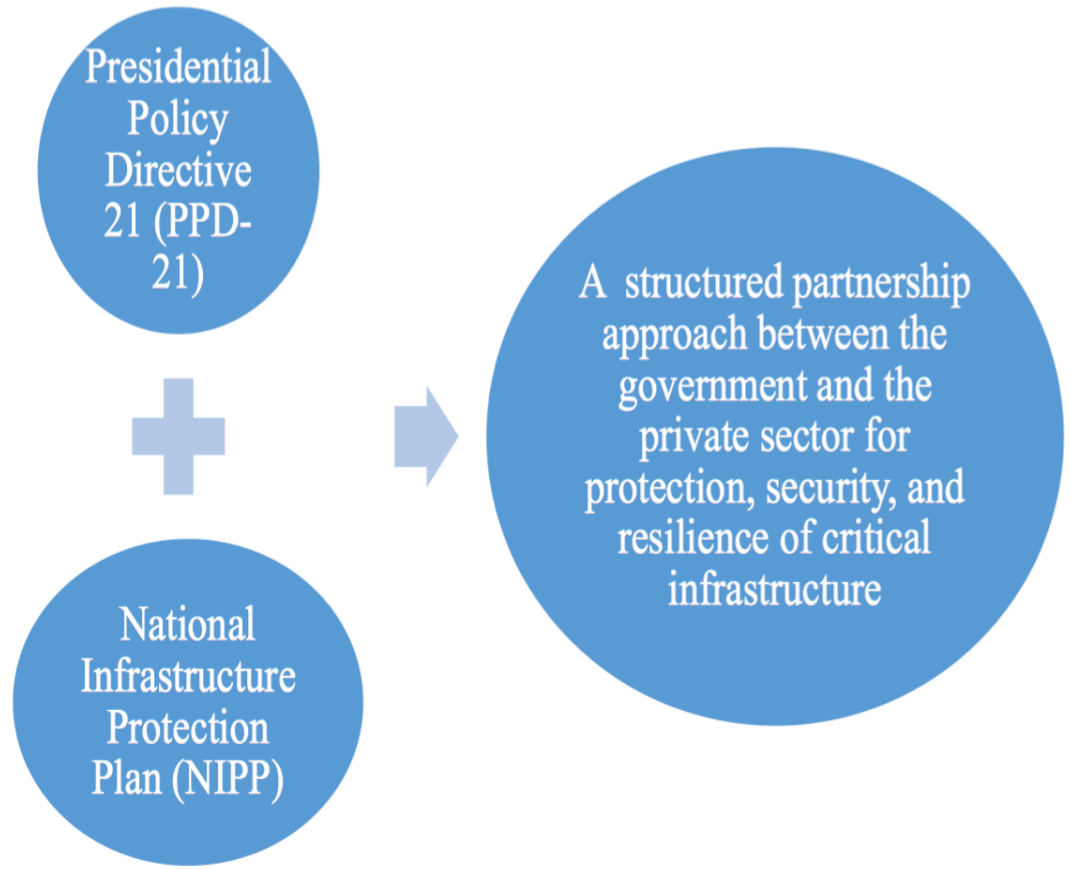
2) Enable effective information exchange by identifying baseline data and systems requirements for the Federal Government

3) Implement an integration and analysis function to inform planning and operations decisions regarding critical infrastructure.



# Guiding Documents and Framework

**These documents establish the mechanisms for collaboration between the private sector and government in protecting CI**





# Key Entities and Roles Within a CI Sector

- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** – Leads the national effort by providing strategic guidance, promoting national unity of effort, and coordinating the overall Federal effort.
- **Sector-Specific Agencies (SSAs)** – Coordinates and collaborates with DHS and other relevant Federal departments and agencies, with CI owners and operators.
- **Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs)** – SCCs serve as principal collaboration points between the government and private sector owners and operators. They consist of representatives from the private sector.
- **Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs)** – Consist of representatives from various levels of government (including Federal and State, Local, Territorial and Tribal (SLTT)), as appropriate to the operating landscape of each individual sector.
- **State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC)**  
– SLTTGCC promotes the engagement of SLTT partners in national critical infrastructure.



# Sector-Specific Agency (SSA) Definition and Role

- **Definition:**
- Sector- a logical collection of assets, systems, or networks that provide a common function to the economy, government, or society; the *National Plan* addresses 16 critical infrastructure sectors. Additionally, sub-sectors can be created.
- **SSA Roles:**
- Serve as a day-to-day Federal interface for the dynamic prioritization, collaboration, and coordination of sector-specific activities.
- Carry out incident management responsibilities consistent with statutory authority and other appropriate policies, directives, or regulations.
- Provide, support, or facilitate technical assistance and consultations for that sector to identify vulnerabilities and help mitigate incidents, as appropriate.
- Support the Secretary of Homeland Security's statutory reporting requirements by providing, on an annual basis, sector-specific CI information.



# 16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors and Their Corresponding Agencies & Councils

| Critical Infrastructure Sector      | Sector Specific Agency                                             | Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council     |                                         |                                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                                     |                                                                    | Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs)                      | Government Coordinating Councils (GCCs) | Regional Consortia                       |
| Chemical                            | Department of Homeland Security                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       | Regional Consortium Coordinating Council |
| Commercial Facilities ⓘ             |                                                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Communications ⓘ                    |                                                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Critical Manufacturing              |                                                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Dams                                |                                                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Emergency Services ⓘ                |                                                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Information Technology ⓘ            |                                                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Nuclear Reactors, Materials & Waste |                                                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Food & Agriculture                  | Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Human Services | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       | Regional Consortium Coordinating Council |
| Defense Industrial Base ⓘ           | Department of Defense                                              | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Energy ⓘ                            | Department of Energy                                               | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Healthcare & Public Health ⓘ        | Department of Health and Human Services                            | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Financial Services ⓘ                | Department of the Treasury                                         | Uses separate coordinating entity                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Water & Wastewater Systems ⓘ        | Environmental Protection Agency                                    | ✓                                                        | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Government Facilities               | Department of Homeland Security, General Services Administration   | Sector does not have an SCC                              | ✓                                       |                                          |
| Transportation Systems ⓘ            | Department of Homeland Security, Department of Transportation      | Various broken down by transportation mode or subsector. | ✓                                       |                                          |



# Government Facilities Sector

- Includes general-use office buildings and special-use military installations, embassies, courthouses, national laboratories, and other critical structures.
- In addition, the sector includes cyber elements that contribute to the protection of sector assets as well as individuals who perform essential functions or possess tactical, operational, or strategic knowledge.
- The Government Facilities Sector currently has two subsectors, Education Facilities and Monuments and Icons. Elections is the third.

**This is the CI sector in which “Elections” is designated**



# Education Facility Subsector (EFS)

- **The Education Department Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools partners with DHS on this subsector.**
- **EFS has human, physical, and cyber assets. However, the EFS assets of primary concern are human and physical.**
- **The predominant characteristics of individual pre K–12 schools vary tremendously within EFS.**
- **Facilities supporting these students and staff are widely dispersed throughout the country and in all geographical regions with differing social and physical environments.**

**Elections are similar to the education facility subsector (EFS)**



# Communications

- **Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs):** These are “operational entities formed by CI owners and operators to gather, analyze, appropriately sanitize, and disseminate intelligence and information related to critical infrastructure. ISACs provide 24/7 threat warning and incident reporting capabilities and have the ability to reach and share information within their sectors, between sectors, and among government and private sector stakeholders.” (Source: Presidential Decision Directive 63, 1998)
- **Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations (ISAOs):** Though similar to ISACs, ISAOs are “any formal or informal entity or collaboration created or employed by public or private sector organizations, for purposes of: (a) Gathering and analyzing Critical Infrastructure information in order to better understand security problems and interdependencies related to critical infrastructure and protected systems, so as to ensure the availability, integrity, and reliability thereof; (b) Communicating or disclosing Critical Infrastructure information to help prevent, detect, mitigate, or recover from the effects of an interference, compromise, or an incapacitation problem related to Critical Infrastructure or protected systems; and (c) Voluntarily disseminating Critical Infrastructure information to its members, State, local, and Federal Governments, or any other entities that may be of assistance in carrying out the purposes specified in subparagraphs (a) and (b).”
- Essentially, ISAOs allow for more widespread information sharing across sectors and among interested individuals regardless of clearance, knowledge level, or inclusion in a CI sector.



# Legal Protections over Communications

- Information about security and vulnerabilities shared under the restrictions of the Critical Infrastructure Information Act is considered Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII). PCII is not subject to the many disclosure regulations, such as those found in the Freedom of Information Act and its state-level counterpart. This protection, allows the critical infrastructure community to discuss vulnerabilities and problems without publically exposing potentially sensitive information.
- For those participating in election sector coordinating councils this protection means that some information communicated between DHS and the coordinating councils can be protected. This limits the potential for sensitive election security information to be made public and protects potentially sensitive material from being misconstrued or used for nefarious purposes. This protection is made possible by an exception to the Federal Advisory Committee Act created by the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council.



# Many Questions!

- The polling places themselves: Who is the first responder to polling place incidents? What happens to vote-by-mail tabulation locations? What are the procedures for privately-owned polling places (ex. churches)?
- Election Board Offices: Will election officials need to go through background checks for clearance purposes? Will this designation allow state government entities that are not election offices to alter operations of an election office? Are the office phones and networks secure? If not, what are the back ups? Are administrators and staff properly trained to handle all contingencies? Who makes this call?
- Transport and storage of ballots and voting machines: Are vendors and storage facilities secure? Who defines them as secure?

**These are illustrative of the many CI questions that come with the elections designation, and must be answered as the elections subsector is implemented. The EAC is keeping an inventory of questions, and requests/welcomes election official questions at:**

**[clearinghouse@eac.gov](mailto:clearinghouse@eac.gov)**



# The EAC's Role

The EAC has requested that DHS name the Commission as Co-SAA.

This designation is important to ensure that state and local election officials and administrators have an informed federal advocate working directly with DHS as the department determines what resources and services are needed to protect U.S. election systems and how these resources will be distributed.

The EAC has held and will continue to hold, hearings and meetings to give DHS a platform to discuss the designation and its potential benefits, as well as answer questions from stakeholders. Serving as the official Co-SSA for implementing the critical infrastructure designation would tap into this strength and provide election officials with assurance that their interests and concerns will shape the contours of DHS's plan moving forward.



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# More information at the EAC Website:

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- Whitepaper:
- [STARTING POINT: U.S. Election Systems as Critical Infrastructure](#)
- What we know:
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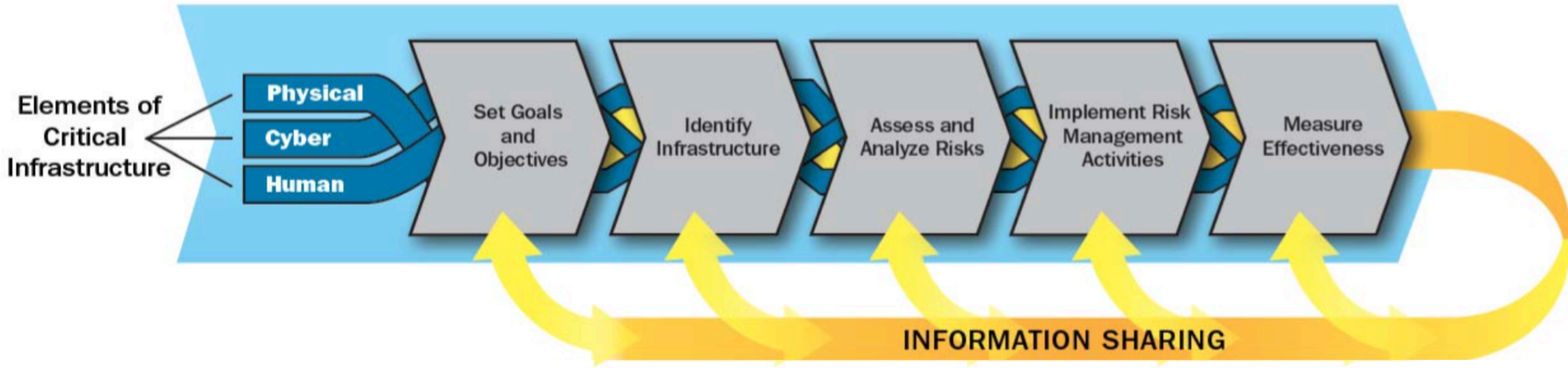
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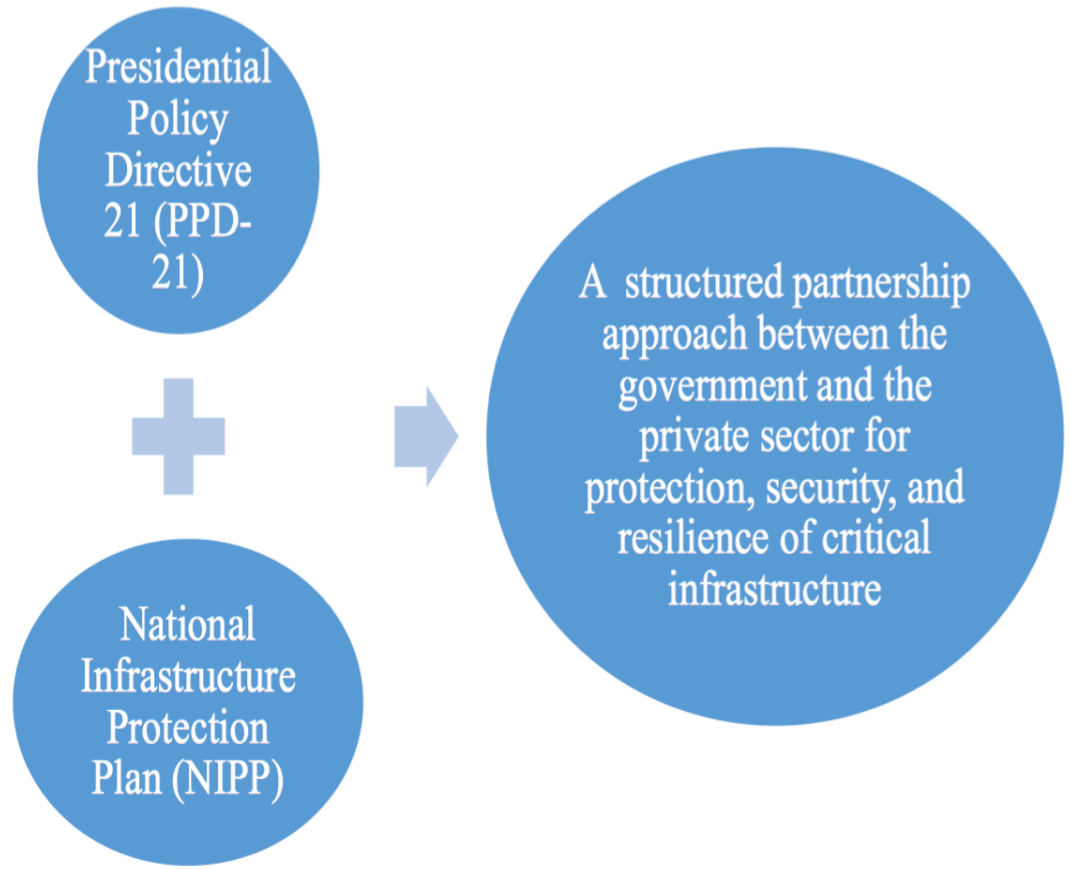
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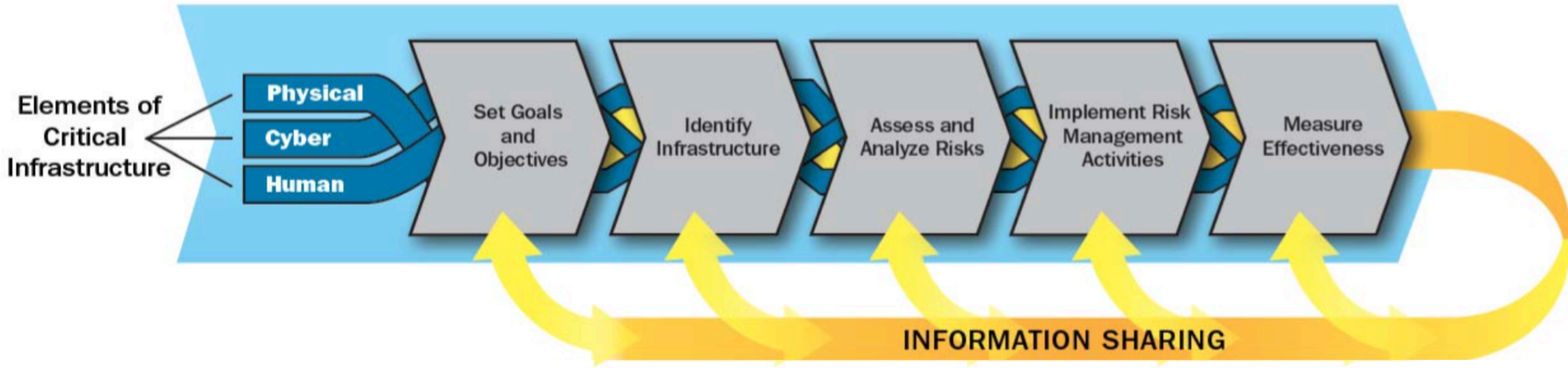
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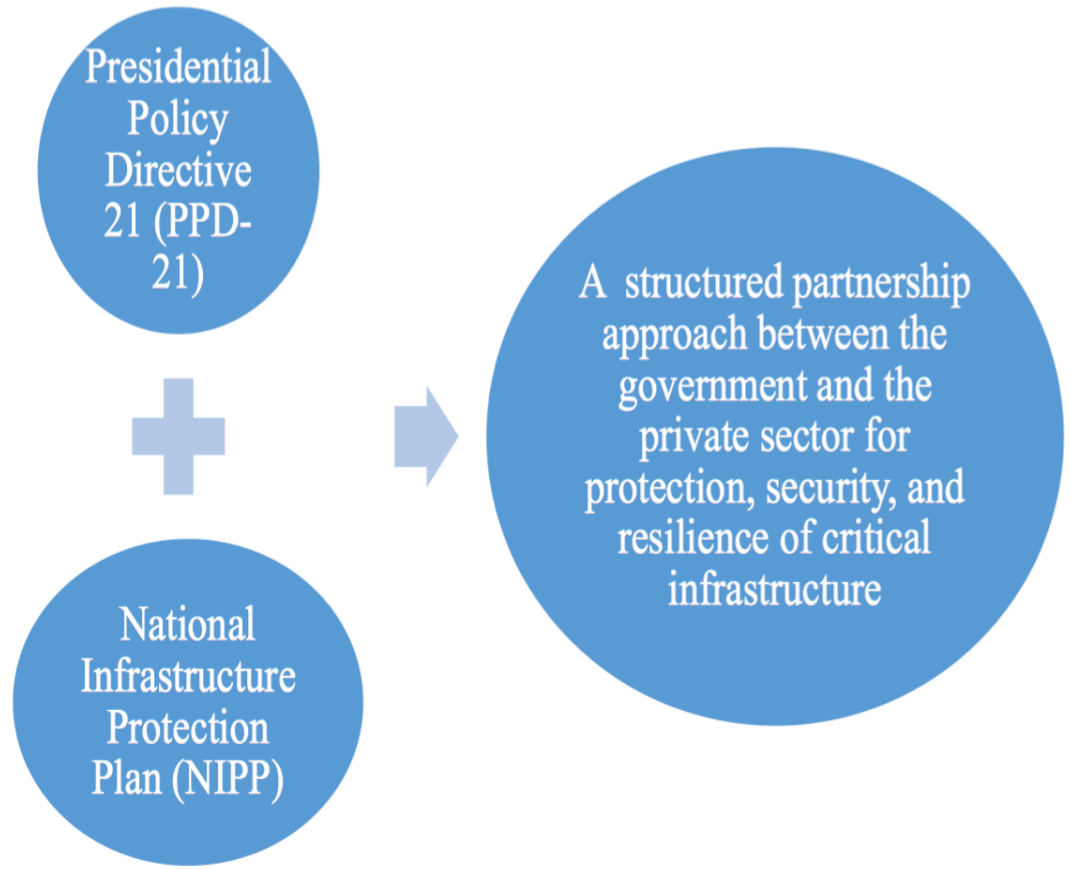
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Hi Jennifer,

It was great talking with you yesterday! I did a google search on the letter hoping I could find it and send it to you before I got back to the office, and I found it! Here is the link:

<http://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000157-7606-d0b2-a35f-7e1f2aac0001>

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Note the last line of the 2nd paragraph. Also, apparently the House Intelligence Committee hearing is happening now. I wasn't sure when it was happening, but turned on the news and they had former DHS Secretary Jeh Jonson on testifying before the committee.

I appreciate your concern on the critical infrastructure matter and certainly hope we can have an impact on the process and formation, if we can't get the designation removed. Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of any assistance.

Best regards,

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## Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

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The Honorable Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Detzner,

I serve as the Vice Chair for the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (“Commission”), which was formed pursuant to Executive Order 13799 of May 11, 2017. The Commission is charged with studying the registration and voting processes used in federal elections and submitting a report to the President of the United States that identifies laws, rules, policies, activities, strategies, and practices that enhance or undermine the American people’s confidence in the integrity of federal elections processes.

As the Commission begins its work, I invite you to contribute your views and recommendations throughout this process. In particular:

1. What changes, if any, to federal election laws would you recommend to enhance the integrity of federal elections?
2. How can the Commission support state and local election administrators with regard to information technology security and vulnerabilities?
3. What laws, policies, or other issues hinder your ability to ensure the integrity of elections you administer?
4. What evidence or information do you have regarding instances of voter fraud or registration fraud in your state?
5. What convictions for election-related crimes have occurred in your state since the November 2000 federal election?
6. What recommendations do you have for preventing voter intimidation or disenfranchisement?
7. What other issues do you believe the Commission should consider?

In addition, in order for the Commission to fully analyze vulnerabilities and issues related to voter registration and voting, I am requesting that you provide to the Commission the publicly-available voter roll data for Florida, including, if publicly available under the laws of your state, the full first and last names of all registrants, middle names or initials if available, addresses, dates of birth, political party (if recorded in your state), last four digits of social security number



if available, voter history (elections voted in) from 2006 onward, active/inactive status, cancelled status, information regarding any felony convictions, information regarding voter registration in another state, information regarding military status, and overseas citizen information.

You may submit your responses electronically to [ElectionIntegrityStaff@ovp.eop.gov](mailto:ElectionIntegrityStaff@ovp.eop.gov) or by utilizing the Safe Access File Exchange (“SAFE”), which is a secure FTP site the federal government uses for transferring large data files. You can access the SAFE site at <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/Welcome.aspx>. We would appreciate a response by July 14, 2017. Please be aware that any documents that are submitted to the full Commission will also be made available to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at the same email address.

On behalf of my fellow commissioners, I also want to acknowledge your important leadership role in administering the elections within your state and the importance of state-level authority in our federalist system. It is crucial for the Commission to consider your input as it collects data and identifies areas of opportunity to increase the integrity of our election systems.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Kobach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kris" and last name "Kobach" clearly distinguishable.

Kris W. Kobach  
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Good afternoon,

First of all, thank you for presenting at last week's FSASE Annual Summer Conference. The purpose of this message is to request that each of you email me your presentations from last week so that we can post them on the FSASE website. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks, Melissa

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**PRESS RELEASE - Response to Request from Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach**

July 5, 2017  
Secretary of State Ken Detzner  
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250  
Dear Secretary of State Ken Detzner,

We write to strongly encourage you to decline the request from Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach dated June 28, 2017, where he sought a voluminous amount of information on a variety of topics related to election administration in connection with his role on the Fraud Commission. The letter expressly states that the information will be publicly available.

The Florida League is a nonpartisan political organization which encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We are strong advocates of open government and transparency, and support existing laws that allow inspection and access of the voter registration records subject to limits set forth under state and federal law.

As you are probably aware, there are numerous legal problems with Secretary Kobach's request, [1] not the least of which is that some of the information requested is shielded under Florida law (including social security numbers per Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5)), and the list of violations seems to be growing.[1] We will not belabor those points here. Instead we will note that Florida voters do not give up all of their privacy rights under the state and federal constitution just by exercising their right and obligation to register to vote. Voters do not expect that their personal information can be subject to limitless access by unknown parties. This is especially true for Florida's men and women in uniform, who could have never anticipated that they will be identified as such when they register to vote. If the requested information is turned over to the Fraud Commission and made public, as the request indicates it will be, then Florida cannot protect its citizens against improper and unlawful use of that data.

We will follow up with your office shortly to confirm how you intend to respond to this request, if at all, and the steps you will take to ensure that Florida complies with its obligations under state and federal law. As it has for 78 years, the Florida League of Women Voters stands ready to vigorously protect the rights of Florida voters.

Respectfully,

Pamela S. Goodman, President  
League of Women Voters of Florida  
cc: Governor of Florida Rick Scott

[1] Brennan Center for Justice, Examples of Legal Risks to Providing Voter Information to Fraud Commission, *available at* [https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/analysis/Legal\\_Implications\\_of\\_Kobach\\_Request.pdf](https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/analysis/Legal_Implications_of_Kobach_Request.pdf); Letter from United to Protect Democracy & Brennan Center for Justice to OMB Director Mick Mulvaney (July 3, 2017), *available at* <https://www.scribd.com/book/352846369/United-to-Protect-Democracy-Brennan-Center-Letter-to-OMB-Director-Protect-States-from-Election-Integrity-Commission-s-Sweeping-Requests-for-Voter>.

[1] Complaint, Electronic Privacy Information Center v. Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (filed July 3, 2017), *available at* <https://epic.org/privacy/voting/pacei/EPIC-v-Commission-TRO-motion-and-memorandum.pdf>; Press Release, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law,

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Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law Files Hatch Act Complaint Against Kris Kobach (July 3, 2017), *available at* <https://lawyerscommittee.org/press-release/lawyers-committee-civil-rights-law-files-hatch-act-complaint-kris-kobach/>.

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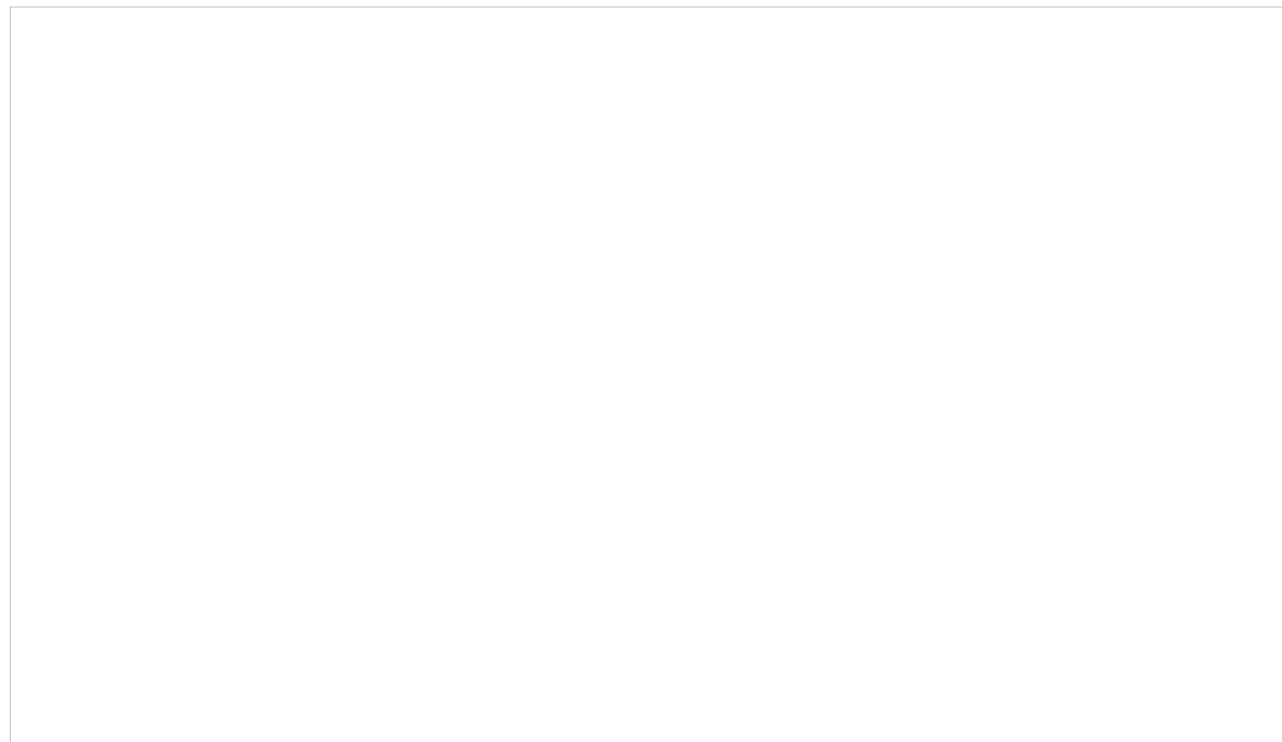


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### Presidential Commission Election Integrity: What We Know

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The last week or so has seen an explosion of headlines in the elections world as the Presidential Commission on Election Integrity begins its work. The news has come so fast that it can be hard to keep up ... so here's a quick summary of where things stand to date:

**States' responses to data requests.** Currently, 45 states have informed the Commission that they will either not comply with the request to share data or will share only publicly available data. CNNPolitics has the roundup [here](#) (Arkansas was a late addition to the list yesterday).

**DOJ letter raises concerns.** The Department of Justice has also sent a letter to the 44 states subject to the National Voter Registration Act, asking for information on those states' list maintenance procedures under the NVRA. While the substance of the request itself is uncontroversial, the breadth of the request raised eyebrows. Justin Leavitt, a former deputy assistant AG who was a key player in DOJ's enforcement actions under the last Administration, told [Huffington Post](#):

*"If this went to any individual states, I don't think anybody would've blinked twice," ... The letter asked for public information that was uncontroversial, he added, but what made the letter "really weird" was that it was sent out to so many states.*

*"The Department of Justice does investigations all the time, but those are usually based on individualized predicates to believe that there's a problem in a given area, in a given jurisdiction. And I'm not aware of a similar letter being sent to blanket jurisdictions across the country," he said.*

**Litigation.** The Electronic Privacy Information Center has filed suit to stop the data requests as an invasion of voter privacy, [USAToday reports](#):

*The Trump administration told a federal judge Wednesday that a legal challenge to an advisory commission's request for sensitive data on voters from all 50 states could prevent the panel from investigating alleged voter fraud.*

*Even as most states refuse to provide at least some of the data sought by the panel — including voters' political affiliations and the last four digits of their Social Security numbers — the Justice Department argued that it is seeking only publicly available information.*

*The lawsuit, filed Monday by the Electronic Privacy Information Center, asks the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to block the request as an invasion of privacy. Not so, the government responded.*

*"The commission has begun to request information from the states, to be provided on a voluntary basis," the Justice Department said. "EPIC seeks to enjoin these first steps, which will prevent the commission from even beginning its work."*



**Paperwork Reduction problems?** There are also reports that the Commission may have violated the federal Paperwork Reduction Act by failing to submit the requests to states for review before sending them out – which could give states another reason to refuse to comply. The Hill [has more](#):

*Experts say the failure to submit the request to states through the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) violates a 1980 law known as the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). They also say the failure could be significant, since states could argue it means they are under no obligation to respond.*

*"If the commission gets heavy-handed with them, it seems to me that the states are within their right to say, 'No, we don't have to respond because you didn't go through [OIRA],'" said Susan Dudley, a former OIRA administrator who is now director of the GW Regulatory Studies Center at George Washington University.*

**Membership changes.** Late last week, the White House announced that it was adding former FEC Commissioner [Hans von Spakovsky](#), a well-known national voice on voter fraud concerns, to the Commission. Over the weekend, the Commission also lost a member when Maryland deputy SoS Luis Borunda [resigned from the panel](#).

**First meeting July 19.** The Commission has announced that it will hold its first meeting on July 19 – but CEIR's David Becker [notes](#) that the [meeting notice](#) indicates that the session will be held in the Old Executive Office Building in Washington, DC and will be open to the public only through live-streaming.

This is clearly a white-hot moment in the election field; you can bet that the stories will continue to come fast and furious. If possible, I'd like to keep my eye on other stories in the election world as well, so coverage here at the blog may largely focus elsewhere – but you should follow [electionline.org](#) and Rick Hasen's [Election Law Blog](#) for the latest news.

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**By Sergio Bustos** ([sbustos@politico.com](mailto:sbustos@politico.com); [@sbustosFL](https://twitter.com/sbustosFL)) and the staff of POLITICO Florida

**Happy Friday.** In responding to the Trump-appointed election commission's request for tons of personal data on 13 million registered state voters, Secretary of State Ken Detzner buried the lede, as they say in the journalism business.

His answer: Take what's already public, but you can forget the rest.

That's what he eventually told the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity and its chairman, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach.

In Detzner's defense, he did offer a clue in the opening of his letter to the commission, which was created by Trump to investigate his claims that between 3 million and 5 million illegal ballots cast in last November's election.

"The right to vote is one of the most sacred rights available in the democratic process," Detzner wrote. "Or course, the responsibility for the accuracy and fairness of our election process in Florida lies on us, not with the federal government in Washington."

And so it goes ... on to the rest of the news in the Sunshine State.

### ... AROUND TRUPLANDIA

**SPACE WATCH - "Vice president gets insider look at Kennedy Space Center," by AP's Marcia Dunn:** Vice President Mike Pence got an insider's look at Kennedy Space Center on Thursday and promised more glory days ahead for 'this gateway to the stars.' Pence is heading up a newly revived National Space Council. President Donald Trump re-established the advisory group last week. 'Here from this bridge to space, our nation will return to the moon, and we will put American boots on the face of Mars,' he added, drawing cheers and applause from the hundreds of space center workers, astronauts and dignitaries." [Read story here](#)

### ... AROUND THE CAPITOL

**NOTHING MORE - "Florida to Trump election panel: We'll only give up voter info that's already public," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** Florida's top election official finally responded to the request from President Donald Trump's election integrity commission for millions of voter records, saying he would give them what any member of the public can see but not confidential information. "Although most of the information you've requested is available to the public in Florida, we cannot fully comply with your entire request," Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner wrote Thursday in a letter to the commission chairman, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. "Driver's license information and social security numbers are not, and cannot be provided" under Florida law. Detzner's letter also notes that they won't be releasing any information that's exempt or confidential under Florida law, which includes certain identifying information dealing with police officers, judges, prosecutors and the victims of domestic abuse. Florida has about 13 million registered voters. [Read story here](#)

**- "Where have we seen Trump's 'repugnant' voter witch hunt before? In Scott's Florida," by Miami Herald Columnist Fabiola Santiago.** [Read column here](#)

**THUMBS DOWN - "Florida Democrats press Scott to turn down Trump request for voter data," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos and Daniel Ducassi:** Several Democratic lawmakers in Congress and the entire Democratic caucus of the state Legislature are urging the Scott administration to reject President Donald Trump's request for data on state voters. Seven members of the state's congressional delegation are calling the request "part of the President's thinly veiled attempt to block legitimate access to the right to vote." Their letter sent Thursday to Gov. Rick Scott was signed by Reps. Ted Deutch, Alcee Hastings, Charlie Crist, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Kathy Castor, Lois Frankel and Al Lawson. "As you know, more than half of all states have declined to provide sensitive information about their states' voters at the request of the bogus voter fraud commission President Trump established in spite of having no evidence whatsoever that widespread voter fraud has occurred in the United States," the federal lawmakers wrote. "We expect you to treat Florida voters with the same respect by refusing to turn over their personal information." [Read story here](#)

**REMAKING THE GRADE - "Fla. seeks to protect Bush-era school grading system in federal waiver request," by POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** Florida education officials are seeking a waiver from new federal requirements in hopes of protecting the school grading system championed by former Gov. Jeb Bush. The state Department of Education recently began soliciting public comment on its 67-page draft plan for how Florida's districts and schools will comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act. The agency is also gathering feedback on its application for waivers from certain aspects of the law, including new requirements that would overhaul the A-to-F school-grading system, which officials argue is working well and should be left alone.



**While some other states may not already have processes for evaluating schools' performance** and therefore are starting from scratch, Florida's system has been in place since Bush ushered in the so-called "A+ Plan" in 1999. In defending the state's education system against legal challenges in recent years, officials have often painted Bush's reform agenda as a transformational force that took Florida's public schools from among the country's worst to among the best, based on certain indicators like national standardized tests. [Read story here](#)

- **"Florida Gulf Coast University may ask state for more than \$63 million in 2018," by Fort Myers News-Press' Thyrie Bland:** [Read story here](#)

- **"New education law allows anti-science mob to go after evolution and climate change," by Miami Herald columnist Fred Grimm:** [Read story here](#)

**KEY RULING - "Sarasota for-profit hospitals could gain \$300M after Florida Supreme Court ruling," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** In a decision that could ripple across the state, the Florida Supreme Court on Thursday sided with private hospitals in a Sarasota County dispute that could reap them \$300 million. In a 4-2 decision, the court ruled that the private hospitals can be reimbursed for providing indigent health care under a 2003 "special law" relating to the Sarasota County Public Hospital District and that it would not provide an unconstitutional privilege to a private corporation. [Read story here](#)

**NO SURPRISE - "John Morgan sues Florida to allow smokable medical marijuana," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The Orlando trial lawyer who bankrolled Florida's constitutional marijuana amendment filed a highly anticipated lawsuit against the state and Florida health officials on Thursday, saying state lawmakers undermined the clear will of the voters by banning patients from lighting up. John Morgan's 14-page complaint takes aim at the definition of "medical use," which explicitly excludes smoking medical marijuana. [Read story here](#)

- **"John Morgan on why he can wait to join gov's race, and his next ballot campaign," by Herald/Times Tallahassee Bureau's Mary Ellen Klas:** [Read story here](#)

#### ... AROUND CONGRESS

**NO FINISH LINE IN SIGHT - "Nelson says GOP health plan loses momentum," by Orlando Sentinel's Steven Lemongello:** "U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson on Wednesday brushed off a new GOP ad tying him to calls for single-payer health insurance, while also saying the Republican's own health plan 'has no momentum' in the Senate. Nelson, in Orlando to meet with students to talk about his proposed Senate bill to cap student loan rates, also called for a diplomatic solution to the North Korean missile crisis and largely praised the decision to restart the National Space Council under Vice President Mike Pence." [Read story here](#)

- **"Activists lobby Sen. Marco Rubio for a no vote," by Tallahassee Democrat's James Call:** [Read story here](#)

- **"Liberals plan sit-in at Marco Rubio's office over health care," by Tampa Bay Times Washington Bureau Chief Alex Leary:** [Read story here](#)

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**NOT SO FREE SPEECH - "U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney wants to withhold funding to colleges with 'safe zones'," by Naples Daily News' Alexandra Glorioso:** "U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney said Wednesday a policy adopted by colleges and universities to protect gay and lesbian students from harassment by creating safe zones actually undermines the Constitution. Rooney, R-Fla., said he supports an existing House resolution to protect freedom of speech at colleges and universities, and would go further with a proposal to withhold taxpayers' money from higher education institutions that provide the safe spaces." [Read story here](#)

**STUCK ON RUNWAY - "Trump plan to overhaul air traffic control has key opponent: Mario Diaz-Balart," by McClatchy Washington Bureau's Alex Daugherty:** "One month ago, Donald Trump publicly backed an overhaul of the nation's air traffic control system during a White House speech, the first major policy proposal announced by the president during 'Infrastructure Week.' But standing in Trump's way is the only Miami House Republican who voted for him during the 2016 election: Mario Diaz-Balart. He's worried that public oversight of the nation's air-traffic control system could end if it's run by a private non-profit controlled by various stakeholders in the airline industry." [Read story here](#)

**WASTEWATER WAR - "Bill Nelson letter knocks Florida DEP on landfill injection well permit," by POLITICO Florida's Bruce Ritchie:** U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) on Thursday asked federal officials to provide close scrutiny of a draft state permit involving underground injection of wastewater from a regional landfill in the Florida Panhandle. Nelson raised the issue in a letter to the EPA, saying there was "essentially no public engagement" in issuing a draft Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit for injecting "potentially hazardous material" near drinking water supplies in Jackson County. [Read story here](#)

#### ... AROUND THE PENINSULA

**SOAKING THE SUNSHINE - "Orlando's new solar plant takes shape as Florida's solar energy erupts," by Orlando Sentinel's Kevin Spear:** "Rising with the toxic ash of coal burned to make electricity for Orlando, a man-made hill east of the city is about to have a new role in energy. The nearly 100-foot-tall landfill has been covered with 20,368 solar panels, FL-COLLIER-19-0530-A-000775



conjuring the image of an enormous land beast armored with shiny scales. But while providing unusual scenery in east Orange County, the city's new solar plant is a modest presence amid an unprecedented burst of solar power at sites across Florida." [Read story here](#)

**CAN YOU SPARE THE SIDEWALK? - "Orlando could repeal downtown panhandling rules," by Orlando Sentinel's Jeff Weiner and Kate Santich:** "Orlando's strict rules on begging downtown, which for years have forced panhandlers to solicit donations inside of blue boxes painted on the sidewalk, could soon come to an end. Sweeping changes proposed by Mayor Buddy Dyer's administration would repeal the city's restrictions on panhandling downtown and at night, replacing them with new rules officials say would target 'unwanted and aggressive' soliciting tactics. That includes prohibiting panhandlers from receiving donations from cars stopped on public roadways at red lights or exit ramps." [Read story here](#)

- **"Protest outside Sarasota Memorial Hospital targets health care bill," by Sarasota Herald Tribune's Zac Anderson:** [Read story here](#)

**TOO THRIFTY - "How innovation dies. Scrimpy maintenance budgets threaten America's cutting edge scientific research labs," by POLITICO Pro's Jenny Hopkinson:** Put expensive high-tech scientific equipment in a former citrus packing house more than 60 years old, throw in an overworked air conditioner, a corroding foundation, and the sticky Central Florida climate, and you've got problems. **The University of Florida's Citrus Research and Education Center** is doing cutting-edge work to find cures for new biological threats to the U.S. citrus crop, but its researchers and staff housed in some of the facility's older buildings are also waging a more immediate fight against bugs, rodents and other fauna that thrive in the muggy summer heat. Often, it's a losing fight. The center's work is crucial to the citrus industry: It receives millions of dollars in Agriculture Department and Food and Drug Administration grants each year to tackle diseases that are crippling citrus growers. [Read story here](#)

### ... SPECIAL ELECTIONS

**TRUMP SHADOW LOOMS - "Miami Senate race a hard-edged referendum on Donald Trump," by Miami Herald's Martin Vassolo:** "The Republican primary for a Miami state Senate seat - the first local partisan election since last November - has become a referendum on President Donald Trump. Two self-described Trump loyalists - a former state senator with a taste for Twitter tussles and an attorney who loathes regulation - have channeled Trump in a hard-edged race against a rival who appears to be their polar opposite: A state representative beloved by Tallahassee Republicans with serious financial backing and a more complicated, and more personal, relationship to the president." [Read story here](#)

**LOW-KEY CONTEST - "Two women vie for votes to replace disgraced former Sen. Frank Artiles," by Miami Herald's Alexandria Bordas:** "Perennially outnumbered by Republicans in Tallahassee, Florida Democrats have a chance to win back a competitive Miami state Senate seat in September. But first, Kendall-area voters will have to pick between two political veterans running in the Senate District 40 primary: former state Rep. Ana Rivas Logan and businesswoman Annette Taddeo. Compared to the more expensive and more heated Republican primary, the race between Taddeo and Rivas Logan has been low-key. The two Hispanic women agree on a lot. But Rivas Logan is campaigning as an underdog, outraised by Taddeo even though Rivas Logan has prior experience in elected office and Taddeo does not." [Read story here](#)

- **"Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings files to run for county mayor," by Orlando Sentinel's Christal Hayes** [Read story here](#)

### ... GOVERNOR'S RACE

--**"McNeil intentionally distancing himself from Gillum email probe," by Tallahassee Democrat's Karl Etters:** Leon County Sheriff Walt McNeil has intentionally distanced himself from the investigation into Mayor Andrew Gillum's use of taxpayer-funded software to send political messaging. Citing the speculation surrounding McNeil's campaign manager Sean Pittman's close relationship with Gillum, the sheriff said he has no clue about the status of the investigation or its findings. [Read story here](#)

- **All About Florida,** Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine's political committee, raised \$1.7 million in June, bringing the total to \$4 million, says Christian Ulvert, Levine's adviser. Levine has toured the state for months as he weighs whether to wade into the 2018 governor's race. He has said he's leaving open the idea of running as an independent instead of as a Democrat.

- **"Burgess: Adam Putnam awaits victor of DeSantis v. Corcoran," by Tampa Bay Times's Michael Van Sickler** [Read story here](#)

### ... FLORIDA MAN, COUPLES

--**"Full circle: Woman becomes best friends with the man who robbed her at gunpoint," by Florida Today's Jessica Saggio:** Blake Walker and Tristen Gibson have the most unlikely of friendships. On Feb. 2, 2013, the two met in a chance encounter, but it wasn't a warm and fuzzy friends-at-first-sight moment. It was Gibson's ninth day on the job at a Port St. John Shell Station when Walker entered the store and held her at gunpoint, demanding she empty the cash register. So she handed him \$198 in small bills and change out of the register, and he rode away on a bicycle. Little did either know, it would be the beginning of something special. [Read story here](#)

--**"Did Miami's biggest developer avoid labor taxes? The feds are investigating," by Miami Herald's Nicholas Nehamas:** "Federal investigators are seeking to learn if the Related Group, Miami's biggest developer, lowered costs on an affordable-housing project by hiring subcontractors who failed to pay employment taxes, the Miami Herald has learned."



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- "Broward County employee helps steal more than \$1.6 million from homeowners, BSO says," by Miami Herald's Ayanna Runcie: [Read story here](#)

- "Bacteria shuts down Rock Springs, Orange County officials say," by Orlando Sentinel's Amelia Cheatham: [Read story here](#)

- "ISIS-linked group claims hack of Leon County website," by Tallahassee Democrat's Karl Etters: [Read story here](#)

- "87 dogs, cats rescued in Florida hoarding case," by Tallahassee Democrat's Nada Hassanein: [Read story here](#)

- "Illegal credit card skimmer use on the rise at Florida gas stations," by Tampa Bay Times' Malena Carollo: [Read story here](#)

- Lawsuit accuses state of failing to match private donations to public colleges: [Read story here](#)

- CDC: Opioid prescribing rates dropping, but still too high: [Read story here](#)

- "Where's my raise? 5 reasons pay isn't rising much for many," by AP's Christopher Rugaber: [Read here](#) the five reasons why pay growth has lagged chronically behind job growth for most of the recovery from the recession.

- "Amazon job fairs start July 10 in Jacksonville, 1,500 to be hired," by Florida Times-Union's Roger Bull: [Read story here](#)

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**This morning, President Donald J. Trump participated in a series of meetings with Polish, Baltic, and Central European leaders.** Later, the President departed Poland en route to Germany for the G20 Summit. President Trump hopes to communicate to American allies in Europe and major leaders across the world that though he is committed to advancing America's interests, his America First agenda encompasses the needs of the United States' partners abroad. Long-term peace and international prosperity come when the United States displays leadership and is actively engaged with the rest of the world.

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

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*All times EST.*

**3:30 AM:** President Trump meets with President Andrzej Duda of Poland

**3:55 AM:** President Trump participates in an expanded bilateral meeting with President Andrzej Duda

**4:15 AM:** President Trump holds a joint press conference with President Andrzej Duda - [Watch](#)

**4:55 AM:** President Trump participates in a photo opportunity with European leaders

**5:10 AM:** President Trump gives remarks at the Three Seas Initiative Summit

**5:25 AM:** President Trump participates in the Transatlantic Roundtable

**6:15 AM:** President Trump participates in a bilateral meeting with President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic of Croatia

**7:15 AM:** President Trump gives remarks to the people of Poland - [Watch](#)

**12:00 PM:** President Trump participates in a restricted meeting with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany

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**1:00 PM:** Vice President Pence delivers remarks at the Kennedy Space Center - [Watch](#)

**1:30 PM:** President Trump attends the Northeast Asia Security Dinner with President Moon Jae-in of the Republic of Korea and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan

#### PHOTO OF THE DAY

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**President Donald J. Trump and President Andrzej Duda** | July 6, 2017 (Official White House Photo by Shealah Craighead)



## OBAMACARE FACT OF THE DAY

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**FACT:** The entire state of Nebraska is projected to have **just one insurer** offering coverage on Obamacare's individual market next year. Adding insult to injury, premiums have risen \$4,320 on average since 2013 for Nebraskans who buy coverage on the individual market.

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## WHITE HOUSE UPDATES

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**On Wednesday, President Trump departed for his second trip abroad.** The goals of his trip include promoting economic prosperity worldwide and emphasizing the United States' commitment to leadership on a global scale.

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**President Trump thanked the men and women of the Secret Service** for their hard work and dedication on the **152nd anniversary** of the United States Secret Service.

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**Kris Kobach's statement on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity,** "While there are news reports that 44 states have "refused" to provide voter information to the Commission, **these reports are patently false**, more "fake news".

**Joy Bishara and Lydia Pogu, who escaped captivity from the Boko Haram terrorist group, met with President Trump and his daughter, Ivanka Trump.** Ivanka Trump said, "Let us remember the victims saved from the unimaginable horrors of human trafficking. **Let us recommit ourselves** to finding those still in the shadows of exploitation, and let us celebrate the heroes who continue to shine a light on the darkness of human trafficking."

**Intern Series: From Boots to Suits,** "After spending most of my life on my family's farm in southern Illinois, I was excited for the opportunity to work in the Nation's capital for 3 months this summer..."

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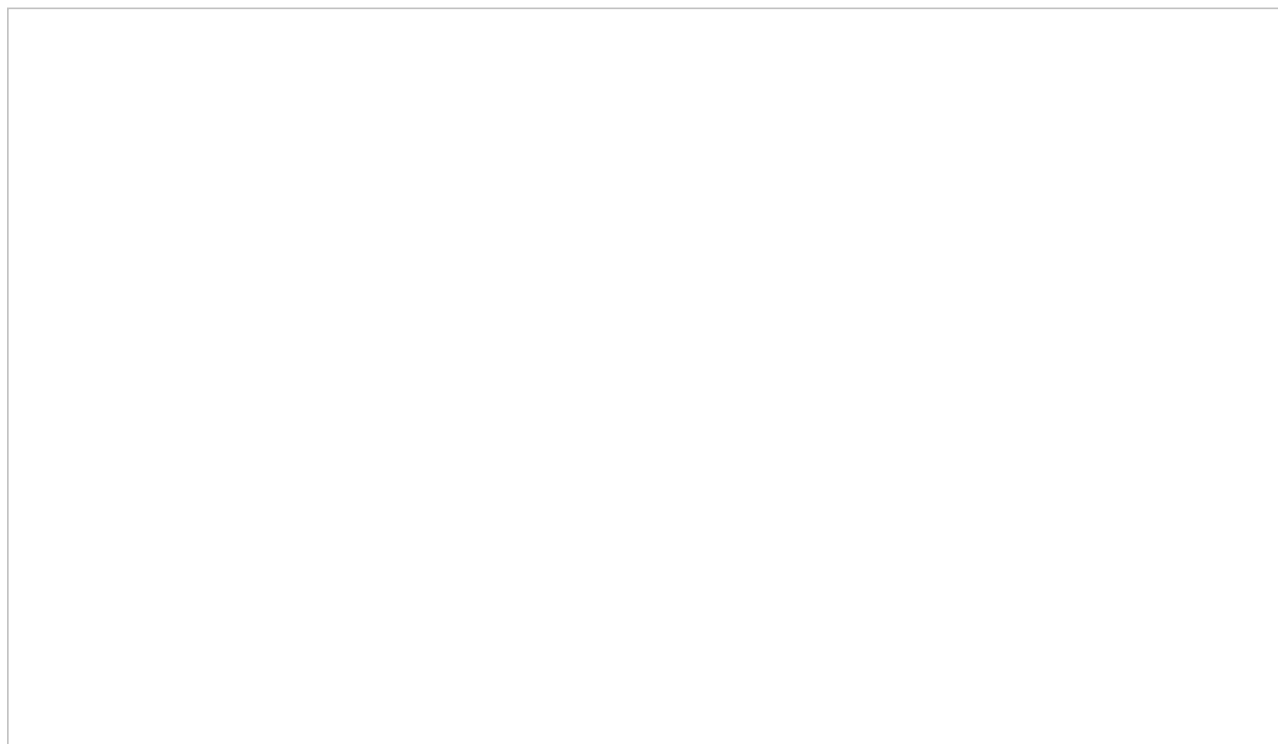
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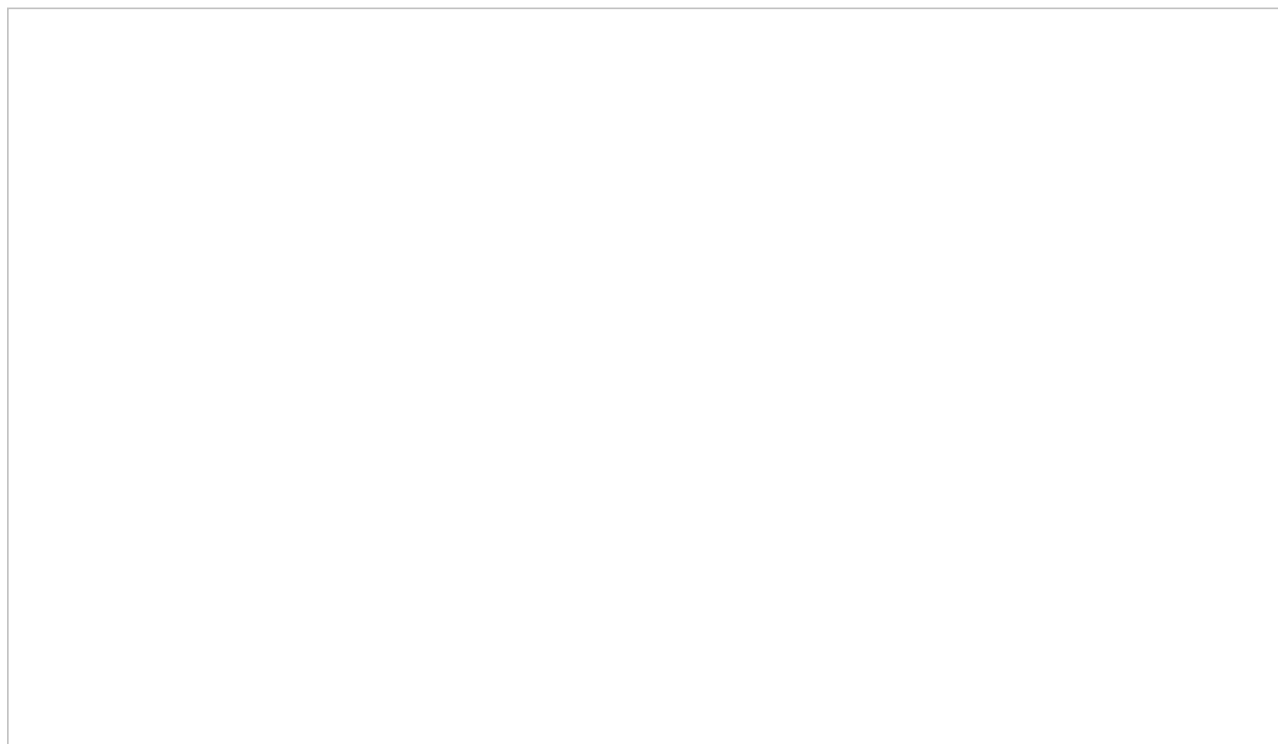
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State Senate Minority Leader Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens, said he wasn't surprised by Detzner's decision, as "the law kind of stopped them." But Braynon said he remains wary about the overall motive of the commission, which he believes may be directed toward future "voter suppression."

"What are they really trying to do here? What is the end game?" Braynon asked.

The request has become highly controversial in Florida and throughout the country.

Most other states had quickly responded to the federal commission's June 28 request, while officials in Florida, where Gov. Rick Scott has close ties with President Donald Trump, gave little indication about how they would respond.

Given an opening, Democrats pounced through letters and comments on social media.

The Florida Democratic Party, Democratic lawmakers and the three Democratic candidates for governor --- Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former Congresswoman Gwen Graham and Winter Park businessman Chris King --- all voiced opposition to the commission and its perceived intent.

The initial backlash from other state governments, including governments run by Republicans and Democrats, drew a Twitter rebuke from Trump.

"Numerous states are refusing to give information to the very distinguished VOTER FRAUD PANEL. What are they trying to hide?" Trump tweeted on Saturday.

Detzner and county elections supervisors have had to respond to media questions for months about Trump's claims of voter fraud in the 2016 general election.

In his letter to Kobach, Detzner noted the importance of preserving the democratic process and the state's responsibility in ensuring an accurate and fair election.

"In fact, in 2016, we are proud that Florida had record turnout and a smooth, secure election which reflected the will of the people of Florida," Detzner said.

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State Senate Minority Leader Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens, said he wasn't surprised by Detzner's decision, as "the law kind of stopped them." But Braynon said he remains wary about the overall motive of the commission, which he believes may be directed toward future "voter suppression."

"What are they really trying to do here? What is the end game?" Braynon asked.

The request has become highly controversial in Florida and throughout the country.

Most other states had quickly responded to the federal commission's June 28 request, while officials in Florida, where Gov. Rick Scott has close ties with President Donald Trump, gave little indication about how they would respond.

Given an opening, Democrats pounced through letters and comments on social media.

The Florida Democratic Party, Democratic lawmakers and the three Democratic candidates for governor --- Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former Congresswoman Gwen Graham and Winter Park businessman Chris King --- all voiced opposition to the commission and its perceived intent.

The initial backlash from other state governments, including governments run by Republicans and Democrats, drew a Twitter rebuke from Trump.

"Numerous states are refusing to give information to the very distinguished VOTER FRAUD PANEL. What are they trying to hide?" Trump tweeted on Saturday.

Detzner and county elections supervisors have had to respond to media questions for months about Trump's claims of voter fraud in the 2016 general election.

In his letter to Kobach, Detzner noted the importance of preserving the democratic process and the state's responsibility in ensuring an accurate and fair election.

"In fact, in 2016, we are proud that Florida had record turnout and a smooth, secure election which reflected the will of the people of Florida," Detzner said.

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**Happy Friday.** In responding to the Trump-appointed election commission's request for tons of personal data on 13 million registered state voters, Secretary of State Ken Detzner buried the lede, as they say in the journalism business.

His answer: Take what's already public, but you can forget the rest.

That's what he eventually told the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity and its chairman, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach.

In Detzner's defense, he did offer a clue in the opening of his letter to the commission, which was created by Trump to investigate his claims that between 3 million and 5 million illegal ballots cast in last November's election.

"The right to vote is one of the most sacred rights available in the democratic process," Detzner wrote. "Or course, the responsibility for the accuracy and fairness of our election process in Florida lies on us, not with the federal government in Washington."

And so it goes ... on to the rest of the news in the Sunshine State.

### ... AROUND TRUPLANDIA

**SPACE WATCH - "Vice president gets insider look at Kennedy Space Center," by AP's Marcia Dunn:** Vice President Mike Pence got an insider's look at Kennedy Space Center on Thursday and promised more glory days ahead for 'this gateway to the stars.' Pence is heading up a newly revived National Space Council. President Donald Trump re-established the advisory group last week. 'Here from this bridge to space, our nation will return to the moon, and we will put American boots on the face of Mars,' he added, drawing cheers and applause from the hundreds of space center workers, astronauts and dignitaries." [Read story here](#)

### ... AROUND THE CAPITOL

**NOTHING MORE - "Florida to Trump election panel: We'll only give up voter info that's already public," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** Florida's top election official finally responded to the request from President Donald Trump's election integrity commission for millions of voter records, saying he would give them what any member of the public can see but not confidential information. "Although most of the information you've requested is available to the public in Florida, we cannot fully comply with your entire request," Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner wrote Thursday in a letter to the commission chairman, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. "Driver's license information and social security numbers are not, and cannot be provided" under Florida law. Detzner's letter also notes that they won't be releasing any information that's exempt or confidential under Florida law, which includes certain identifying information dealing with police officers, judges, prosecutors and the victims of domestic abuse. Florida has about 13 million registered voters. [Read story here](#)

**- "Where have we seen Trump's 'repugnant' voter witch hunt before? In Scott's Florida," by Miami Herald Columnist Fabiola Santiago.** [Read column here](#)

**THUMBS DOWN - "Florida Democrats press Scott to turn down Trump request for voter data," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos and Daniel Ducassi:** Several Democratic lawmakers in Congress and the entire Democratic caucus of the state Legislature are urging the Scott administration to reject President Donald Trump's request for data on state voters. Seven members of the state's congressional delegation are calling the request "part of the President's thinly veiled attempt to block legitimate access to the right to vote." Their letter sent Thursday to Gov. Rick Scott was signed by Reps. Ted Deutch, Alcee Hastings, Charlie Crist, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Kathy Castor, Lois Frankel and Al Lawson. "As you know, more than half of all states have declined to provide sensitive information about their states' voters at the request of the bogus voter fraud commission President Trump established in spite of having no evidence whatsoever that widespread voter fraud has occurred in the United States," the federal lawmakers wrote. "We expect you to treat Florida voters with the same respect by refusing to turn over their personal information." [Read story here](#)

**REMAKING THE GRADE - "Fla. seeks to protect Bush-era school grading system in federal waiver request," by POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** Florida education officials are seeking a waiver from new federal requirements in hopes of protecting the school grading system championed by former Gov. Jeb Bush. The state Department of Education recently began soliciting public comment on its 67-page draft plan for how Florida's districts and schools will comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act. The agency is also gathering feedback on its application for waivers from certain aspects of the law, including new requirements that would overhaul the A-to-F school-grading system, which officials argue is working well and should be left alone.



**While some other states may not already have processes for evaluating schools' performance** and therefore are starting from scratch, Florida's system has been in place since Bush ushered in the so-called "A+ Plan" in 1999. In defending the state's education system against legal challenges in recent years, officials have often painted Bush's reform agenda as a transformational force that took Florida's public schools from among the country's worst to among the best, based on certain indicators like national standardized tests. [Read story here](#)

- **"Florida Gulf Coast University may ask state for more than \$63 million in 2018," by Fort Myers News-Press' Thyrie Bland:** [Read story here](#)

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**KEY RULING - "Sarasota for-profit hospitals could gain \$300M after Florida Supreme Court ruling," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** In a decision that could ripple across the state, the Florida Supreme Court on Thursday sided with private hospitals in a Sarasota County dispute that could reap them \$300 million. In a 4-2 decision, the court ruled that the private hospitals can be reimbursed for providing indigent health care under a 2003 "special law" relating to the Sarasota County Public Hospital District and that it would not provide an unconstitutional privilege to a private corporation. [Read story here](#)

**NO SURPRISE - "John Morgan sues Florida to allow smokable medical marijuana," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The Orlando trial lawyer who bankrolled Florida's constitutional marijuana amendment filed a highly anticipated lawsuit against the state and Florida health officials on Thursday, saying state lawmakers undermined the clear will of the voters by banning patients from lighting up. John Morgan's 14-page complaint takes aim at the definition of "medical use," which explicitly excludes smoking medical marijuana. [Read story here](#)

- **"John Morgan on why he can wait to join gov's race, and his next ballot campaign," by Herald/Times Tallahassee Bureau's Mary Ellen Klas:** [Read story here](#)

#### ... AROUND CONGRESS

**NO FINISH LINE IN SIGHT - "Nelson says GOP health plan loses momentum," by Orlando Sentinel's Steven Lemongello:** "U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson on Wednesday brushed off a new GOP ad tying him to calls for single-payer health insurance, while also saying the Republican's own health plan 'has no momentum' in the Senate. Nelson, in Orlando to meet with students to talk about his proposed Senate bill to cap student loan rates, also called for a diplomatic solution to the North Korean missile crisis and largely praised the decision to restart the National Space Council under Vice President Mike Pence." [Read story here](#)

- **"Activists lobby Sen. Marco Rubio for a no vote," by Tallahassee Democrat's James Call:** [Read story here](#)

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**NOT SO FREE SPEECH - "U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney wants to withhold funding to colleges with 'safe zones'," by Naples Daily News' Alexandra Glorioso:** "U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney said Wednesday a policy adopted by colleges and universities to protect gay and lesbian students from harassment by creating safe zones actually undermines the Constitution. Rooney, R-Fla., said he supports an existing House resolution to protect freedom of speech at colleges and universities, and would go further with a proposal to withhold taxpayers' money from higher education institutions that provide the safe spaces." [Read story here](#)

**STUCK ON RUNWAY - "Trump plan to overhaul air traffic control has key opponent: Mario Diaz-Balart," by McClatchy Washington Bureau's Alex Daugherty:** "One month ago, Donald Trump publicly backed an overhaul of the nation's air traffic control system during a White House speech, the first major policy proposal announced by the president during 'Infrastructure Week.' But standing in Trump's way is the only Miami House Republican who voted for him during the 2016 election: Mario Diaz-Balart. He's worried that public oversight of the nation's air-traffic control system could end if it's run by a private non-profit controlled by various stakeholders in the airline industry." [Read story here](#)

**WASTEWATER WAR - "Bill Nelson letter knocks Florida DEP on landfill injection well permit," by POLITICO Florida's Bruce Ritchie:** U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) on Thursday asked federal officials to provide close scrutiny of a draft state permit involving underground injection of wastewater from a regional landfill in the Florida Panhandle. Nelson raised the issue in a letter to the EPA, saying there was "essentially no public engagement" in issuing a draft Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit for injecting "potentially hazardous material" near drinking water supplies in Jackson County. [Read story here](#)

#### ... AROUND THE PENINSULA

**SOAKING THE SUNSHINE - "Orlando's new solar plant takes shape as Florida's solar energy erupts," by Orlando Sentinel's Kevin Spear:** "Rising with the toxic ash of coal burned to make electricity for Orlando, a man-made hill east of the city is about to have a new role in energy. The nearly 100-foot-tall landfill has been covered with 20,368 solar panels, FL-COLLIER-19-0530-A-000789



conjuring the image of an enormous land beast armored with shiny scales. But while providing unusual scenery in east Orange County, the city's new solar plant is a modest presence amid an unprecedented burst of solar power at sites across Florida." [Read story here](#)

**CAN YOU SPARE THE SIDEWALK? - "Orlando could repeal downtown panhandling rules," by Orlando Sentinel's Jeff Weiner and Kate Santich:** "Orlando's strict rules on begging downtown, which for years have forced panhandlers to solicit donations inside of blue boxes painted on the sidewalk, could soon come to an end. Sweeping changes proposed by Mayor Buddy Dyer's administration would repeal the city's restrictions on panhandling downtown and at night, replacing them with new rules officials say would target 'unwanted and aggressive' soliciting tactics. That includes prohibiting panhandlers from receiving donations from cars stopped on public roadways at red lights or exit ramps." [Read story here](#)

- **"Protest outside Sarasota Memorial Hospital targets health care bill," by Sarasota Herald Tribune's Zac Anderson:** [Read story here](#)

**TOO THRIFTY - "How innovation dies. Scrimpy maintenance budgets threaten America's cutting edge scientific research labs," by POLITICO Pro's Jenny Hopkinson:** Put expensive high-tech scientific equipment in a former citrus packing house more than 60 years old, throw in an overworked air conditioner, a corroding foundation, and the sticky Central Florida climate, and you've got problems. **The University of Florida's Citrus Research and Education Center** is doing cutting-edge work to find cures for new biological threats to the U.S. citrus crop, but its researchers and staff housed in some of the facility's older buildings are also waging a more immediate fight against bugs, rodents and other fauna that thrive in the muggy summer heat. Often, it's a losing fight. The center's work is crucial to the citrus industry: It receives millions of dollars in Agriculture Department and Food and Drug Administration grants each year to tackle diseases that are crippling citrus growers. [Read story here](#)

### ... SPECIAL ELECTIONS

**TRUMP SHADOW LOOMS - "Miami Senate race a hard-edged referendum on Donald Trump," by Miami Herald's Martin Vassolo:** "The Republican primary for a Miami state Senate seat - the first local partisan election since last November - has become a referendum on President Donald Trump. Two self-described Trump loyalists - a former state senator with a taste for Twitter tussles and an attorney who loathes regulation - have channeled Trump in a hard-edged race against a rival who appears to be their polar opposite: A state representative beloved by Tallahassee Republicans with serious financial backing and a more complicated, and more personal, relationship to the president." [Read story here](#)

**LOW-KEY CONTEST - "Two women vie for votes to replace disgraced former Sen. Frank Artiles," by Miami Herald's Alexandria Bordas:** "Perennially outnumbered by Republicans in Tallahassee, Florida Democrats have a chance to win back a competitive Miami state Senate seat in September. But first, Kendall-area voters will have to pick between two political veterans running in the Senate District 40 primary: former state Rep. Ana Rivas Logan and businesswoman Annette Taddeo. Compared to the more expensive and more heated Republican primary, the race between Taddeo and Rivas Logan has been low-key. The two Hispanic women agree on a lot. But Rivas Logan is campaigning as an underdog, outraised by Taddeo even though Rivas Logan has prior experience in elected office and Taddeo does not." [Read story here](#)

- **"Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings files to run for county mayor," by Orlando Sentinel's Christal Hayes** [Read story here](#)

### ... GOVERNOR'S RACE

--**"McNeil intentionally distancing himself from Gillum email probe," by Tallahassee Democrat's Karl Etters:** Leon County Sheriff Walt McNeil has intentionally distanced himself from the investigation into Mayor Andrew Gillum's use of taxpayer-funded software to send political messaging. Citing the speculation surrounding McNeil's campaign manager Sean Pittman's close relationship with Gillum, the sheriff said he has no clue about the status of the investigation or its findings. [Read story here](#)

- **All About Florida,** Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine's political committee, raised \$1.7 million in June, bringing the total to \$4 million, says Christian Ulvert, Levine's adviser. Levine has toured the state for months as he weighs whether to wade into the 2018 governor's race. He has said he's leaving open the idea of running as an independent instead of as a Democrat.

- **"Burgess: Adam Putnam awaits victor of DeSantis v. Corcoran," by Tampa Bay Times's Michael Van Sickler** [Read story here](#)

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--**"Full circle: Woman becomes best friends with the man who robbed her at gunpoint," by Florida Today's Jessica Saggio:** Blake Walker and Tristen Gibson have the most unlikely of friendships. On Feb. 2, 2013, the two met in a chance encounter, but it wasn't a warm and fuzzy friends-at-first-sight moment. It was Gibson's ninth day on the job at a Port St. John Shell Station when Walker entered the store and held her at gunpoint, demanding she empty the cash register. So she handed him \$198 in small bills and change out of the register, and he rode away on a bicycle. Little did either know, it would be the beginning of something special. [Read story here](#)

--**"Did Miami's biggest developer avoid labor taxes? The feds are investigating," by Miami Herald's Nicholas Nehamas:** "Federal investigators are seeking to learn if the Related Group, Miami's biggest developer, lowered costs on an affordable-housing project by hiring subcontractors who failed to pay employment taxes, the Miami Herald has learned."



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- "Where's my raise? 5 reasons pay isn't rising much for many," by AP's Christopher Rugaber: [Read here](#) the five reasons why pay growth has lagged chronically behind job growth for most of the recovery from the recession.

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**Happy Monday.** Sen. Marco Rubio took to Twitter on Sunday to criticize President Donald Trump's cybersecurity plan with Russia.

**Tweeted Rubio:** "Partnering with Putin on a 'Cyber Security Unit' is akin to partnering with Assad on a 'Chemical Weapons Unit.'"

By Sunday night, Trump [appeared to back off](#) his plans but created even more confusion in the process.

Elsewhere, Friday's news of a shakeup within Andrew Gillum's gubernatorial campaign staff comes in the wake of a slowdown in contributions, a federal probe of a Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency and a local investigation into Gillum's alleged electioneering with a Tallahassee email system.

The election is still more than a year away, so there's time to recover. But it's hardly a good start. POLITICO has chronicled the stumbling, bumbling beginning ...

- **"Amid email apology and GOP charge of campaign violation, Gillum's gubernatorial campaign rollout stumbles,"** by Marc Caputo. [Read story here](#)

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Now on to the rest of the news in the Sunshine State. Spoiler alert: News of Florida man spans the nation, from Florida, to somewhere over northwestern coast with the Pacific Ocean.

**CORRECTION:** In Friday's Florida Playbook, I identified Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach as chairman of the Presidential Commission on Electoral Integrity. He is vice chairman. The chairman is Vice President Mike Pence. Thanks to an alert Florida Playbook reader for pointing it out.

## ... ABOUT ELECTIONS

**BIG HIRE - "Eye on governor bid, Corcoran hires former Trump, Scott pollster,"** by POLITICO Florida's Marc Caputo: With an eye on running for governor, Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran has hired GOP strategist Tony Fabrizio for polling and the type of strategic advice he employed in 2010 when he helped mastermind Gov. Rick Scott's surprising win against the Republican establishment. As in 2010, the GOP movers and shakers in Tallahassee are rallying around a gubernatorial candidate, this time Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam who has about \$10 million in the bank between his campaign and his Florida Grown political committee. And as happened seven years ago, Fabrizio said the establishment favorite could have trouble with his right flank. He said there's a difference between Putnam in the 2018 race and former Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum in the 2010 race against Scott: "Putnam is Bill McCollum without the conservative credentials." [Read story here](#)

**TROUBLED - "Two top staffers leave Gillum campaign,"** by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi: Following a series of rough news cycles and a fundraising drought, Democrat Andrew Gillum's 2018 campaign for governor announced on Friday the departure of two top campaign staffers. Stepping down are campaign manager Phillip Thompson and the campaign's finance director and deputy campaign manager, Brice Barnes, according to a statement describing the moves as "staff transitions" and as part of the "next phase" in the campaign. "Both have been instrumental to our campaign's early success, including raising \$1.2 million in the first three months, earning more than two dozen endorsements around the state, and putting Mayor Gillum on the path to success," said the campaign's communications director, Geoff Burgan, in the statement. "We wish them both the best in their next pursuits." No replacements for Thompson and Barnes were named in the campaign statement. [Read story here](#)

- **Gwen Graham urges Putnam to defend orange juice against tariffs.** [Read story here](#)

- **Ashley Moody**, a Republican running for attorney general in 2018, says she has raised more than \$600,000 in her first month on the campaign trail. She posted more than \$490,000 in her campaign account and \$113,000 more in her Friends of Ashley Moody account."

- **Nelson lands endorsement of End Citizens United PAC.** [Read story here](#)



**OFFICIALLY IN CD 27 RACE** -Democratic state Rep. David Richardson, of Miami Beach, officially declared he's a candidate for the seat held by the retiring Republican U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. "Our country is headed in the wrong direction, and we need bold leaders to help turn things around," he said in a statement Monday morning. He's the state's first openly-gay state representative, joining the Legislature in 2012. He Richardson first [announced](#) he was running for the congressional seat last month in a Miami Herald interview. He joins a crowded race of Republicans and Democrats vying for the open seat.

### ... ABOUT TRUMP AND PENCE

**KA-CHING - "Trump personally pockets club membership fees, breaking with industry norms," by McClatchy Washington Bureau's Anita Kumar:** Even as he serves as president, Donald Trump earns a tidy sum - tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars - every time a new member joins one of his tony clubs. Whether it's the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., where the U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship starts Monday; the club outside the nation's capital, where the president often spends time over the weekend; the historic Mar-a-Lago Club, where he hosted the president of China and the prime minister of Japan; or one of his other exclusive addresses, each collects a hefty initiation fee from new members - up to \$450,000 per person, with annual dues on top of that. Trump has benefited greatly from these initiation fees for years. Even back when it was typical for membership fees to take the form of refundable deposits, he broke with the norm for such clubs by taking the money for himself, according to documents and interviews. [Read story here](#)

- **"Vice President Mike Pence touched NASA equipment with a 'do not touch' sign, and the Internet went wild," by Orlando Sentinel's Jessica Gillespie.** [Read story here](#)

- **Twitter exchange between Vice President Mike Pence and Sen. Marco Rubio:**

--@VP: "Sorry @NASA...@MarcoRubio dared me to do it!"

--@marcorubio: "In fairness, I warned@VP that 'you break it, you own it'"

### ... AROUND CONGRESS

**BIBLICAL TWEETS - "Marco Rubio Is Tweeting the Most Republican Part of the Bible," by Joel S. Baden in POLITICO Magazine:** Marco Rubio had a message for his nearly 3 million Twitter followers on the morning of June 26: "As dogs return to their vomit, so fools repeat their folly. Proverbs 26:11." That one might have been his most head-snapping, but Rubio, the Republican senator from Florida, had been tweeting verses like that one since May 16. He has tweeted a biblical verse almost every day since then. Almost all of them come from the Old Testament, and specifically the book of Proverbs. [Read story here](#)

**LOTS OF REPUBLICANS V. TRUMP --@marcorubio:** "While reality & pragmatism requires that we engage Vladimir Putin, he will never be a trusted ally or a reliable constructive partner. 1/3" ... "Partnering with Putin on a 'Cyber Security Unit' is akin to partnering with Assad on a 'Chemical Weapons Unit'. 2/3" ... "We have no quarrel with Russia or the Russian people. Problem is with Putin & his oppression, war crimes & interference in our elections 1/3".

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**SPOTTED:** Rubio (R-Fla.) on a tour at the Naval Academy in Annapolis on Friday. View photo[here](#).

**MISSING LAWMAKERS - "Obamacare backers to hold 'empty chair' town hall in Miami," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos:** South Florida activists, angered with the refusal of Sen. Marco Rubio and other area congressional members to hold town halls over legislative efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, are holding an "Empty Chair" town hall on Saturday to air their opposition to what they say is "a disastrous" Senate health care bill being crafted by Republicans. "Rubio, Curbelo and Diaz-Balart can't continue to duck and hide from constituents or go another 2,100 days avoiding townhalls; they have a responsibility to answer critical policy questions from voters," said organizers in a statement, referring to the senator and U.S. Reps. Carlos Curbelo and Mario Diaz-Balart, both from Miami. [Read story here](#)

**UNDERSTANDING MEDICAID - "Medicaid cut in GOP health bill worries the nursing home set," by AP's Terry Spencer:** "Amy Bernard and her brother kept their mother out of a nursing home as long as they could, until Parkinson's and dementia took their toll and she was seriously injured in a fall. Bernard is happy with her mother's nursing home care, but it comes at a steep price: \$7,000 per month, an amount that would be way beyond the older woman's means if not for Medicaid, which picks up \$3,000 of the tab. Which is why Bernard and many other Americans like her are watching the health care debate on Capitol Hill with trepidation. [Read story here](#)

### ... AROUND THE PENINSULA

**MEDICAID MONEY - "Florida mum on which health care plans made too much money from Medicaid," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** "As the state moves forward with its plans to bid out the \$26 billion Medicaid program, top

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health care officials in Tallahassee have yet to determine how many managed care plans currently under contract make excessive profits. Deputy Medicaid Director Beth Kidder told legislators in January that one managed care plan is making more profit than allowable under state law and would be required to refund a portion of the profits to the state. Six months later, though, the agency says it hasn't completed the information. It is attributing the delay to a billing error first caught in 2016 that resulted in the state underpaying Medicaid managed care plans by nearly \$378 million between June 2014 and June 30, 2015. [Read story here](#)

**RESISTED ARREST - "Anti-Trump protesters try for hours to be arrested, cops don't budge," by Miami Herald's Martin Vassallo:** Anti-Trump protesters in Doral tried for about three hours to get arrested on Wednesday, in an attempt to publicly pressure Sen. Marco Rubio to oppose Senate Republicans' healthcare proposal. They sat outside Rubio's Northwest 36th Street office, chanting and sassing police. One protester played limp and another mocked police for feeling threatened. But Doral police didn't bite, and the plan ultimately fell apart under the scorching South Florida sun. [Read story here](#)

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK - "New York boots Armor Correctional; In Florida, Armor boss named to powerful commission," by Florida Bulldog's Dan Christensen:** "The company that provides health-care services to thousands of jail inmates across Florida, including Broward and Palm Beach counties, has been kicked out of New York for allegedly 'placing inmates' health in jeopardy." Armor Correctional Health Services paid \$350,000 in penalties and agreed not to bid on or enter into any contract to provide jail health services in New York state for three years, settling formal charges brought in July 2016 by New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman. The lawsuit was filed after a dozen inmates died since Armor was hired, including five found to have received inadequate medical care, Schneiderman's office said. [Read story here](#)

**MEDIAWATCH - "Fusion is planning to rebrand under a new name: Splinter,"** by Business Insider's Maxwell Tani: "The site formerly known as Fusion.net is rebranding as a site tentatively called Splinter. Four Gizmodo Media Group (GMG) sources familiar with the decision say Fusion is set to roll out a version of its new name some time in July, although it is unclear whether it will be named Splinter, or a similar acronym. ... A GMG source cautioned that the name "Splinter" could still be subject to change, since Univision hasn't seemed to secure the domain name Splinter.com yet." [Read story here](#)

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC POWER - "Economist sees Florida economy pushing above \$1 trillion next year," by Sarsota Herald-Tribune staff:** A prominent Florida economist is expecting Florida's gross state product - akin to gross domestic product, or the sum of all the goods and services produced within a geography for a year - to break the \$1 trillion mark next year. University of Central Florida economist Sean Snaith predicts that the gross state product will then climb to \$1.074 trillion in 2019, a figure that today would make the Florida economy the 16th largest in the world, as ranked by the World Bank. [Read story here](#)

- Florida, Texas trade spots again in airline travel as Scott touts grants. [Read story here](#)

**SWEET BIZ - "Pineapple farm keeping alive Treasure Coast's roots," by AP's Colleen Wixon:** "You might not be familiar with the Treasure Coast's pineapple connection. There's history to it, and remnants remain today. In the early 1900s, pineapple farms were plentiful from Rockledge to Jensen Beach, and the tropical fruit was shipped across the country by rail. There's even an annual Pineapple Festival in Jensen Beach, celebrating the area's one-time status as the 'pineapple capital of the world.' But by 1920, however, after a series of crop-damaging freezes and more cost-efficient rail service to bring Cuban pineapples from Miami, many pineapple farmers had abandoned their efforts, lured away by the more-lucrative citrus industry. [Read story here](#)

- "Diego Hernandez, once Navy's highest-ranking Hispanic officer, dies," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "State Attorney promised to reform the office. Six months later, has she delivered?" by Florida Times-Union's Andrew Pantazi. [Read story here](#)

... BEYOND THE PENINSULA

**GITMO VISIT - "Attorney General, Director of National Intelligence tour Guantánamo Bay," by Miami Herald's Carol Rosenberg:** "In the highest-ranking known visit by a Trump administration official, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Director of National Intelligence, Dan Coats, were visiting this remote outpost Friday to get 'an up-to-date understanding' of current War on Terror operations. Sessions deputy, Rod Rosenstein, was also on the tour. Its first stop was the war court compound, Camp Justice, where the Pentagon holds pretrial hearings in the death-penalty case against five alleged plotters of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and others accused of terrorism and war crimes." [Read story here](#)

**RELEASED - "Jailed Venezuela opposition leader Lopez given house arrest," by AP's Fabiola Sanchez:** "Opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez was released from prison and placed under house arrest Saturday after more than three years in a military lockup, a shock reversal by the government that fueled hopes for a broader amnesty for dozens of jailed activists in a country sliding ever deeper into political turmoil. A euphoric Lopez briefly greeted a few dozen supporters gathered outside his home in Caracas in the afternoon. Climbing atop a wall dressed in a white shirt, he clutched and then kissed a Venezuelan flag and raised his right fist in a show of defiance. Lopez vowed that he is prepared to return to jail rather than give up his fight to remove socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

**"This is a step in the march toward freedom,"** Lopez said in a statement read by close ally and lawmaker Freddy Guevara. "I carry no resentment, nor will I give up my beliefs. My position against this regime is firm as are my convictions

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to fight for a real peace, coexistence, change and freedom." [Read story here](#)

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- Read statement on Lopez release from U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, R-Weston, [here](#)

- "Scott to visit Miami to back freedom for Venezuelan opposition leader," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos. [Read story here](#)

**UNDERSTANDING VENEZUELA'S CRISIS - Americas Society/Council of the Americas** hosts a panel of experts to talk about the economic and political crisis in Venezuela. The program this coming Thursday, July 13, will be conducted in Spanish with simultaneous translation to English. [Register here](#)

### ... FLORIDA MAN, COWS, SHARKS

--"Florida man charged with interfering with crew on Seattle-to-Beijing flight," by Seattle Times' Christine Willmsen: "A Tampa, Fla., man who allegedly assaulted flight attendants on a Seattle-to-Beijing flight was charged Friday with interference with flight-crew members and flight attendants. The man, identified as Joseph Daniel Hudek IV, 23, tried to open an exit door and assaulted two flight attendants and a passenger during the Thursday evening flight, according to a criminal complaint. A flight attendant broke at least one wine bottle over the man's head during the struggle, the complaint alleges." [Read story here](#)

--"Man tried to rob convenience store for a beer - with a sword," by Tallahassee Democrat's Ashley White: "A 48-year-old man armed only with a sword tried to rob beer from a convenience store owner who fought back with a broom handle Thursday night. Reginald Lide is suspected of robbing the Time Saver convenience store on West Brevard Street, said the Tallahassee Police Department. Lide entered the store pointing a two-foot sword at the owner and demanded a beer. The owner defended himself with a broom handle, TPD said." [Read story here](#)

- "Florida Gov. and House speaker seeking end to lottery tussle," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "Is future House Speaker Paul Renner a 'Jacksonville guy?'" by Florida Times-Union's Tia Mitchell [Read story here](#)

- "Casey Anthony 'blacked out' death, attorney says," by Orlando Sentinel's Hal Boedeker. [Read story here](#)

- "Terrified cows run for their lives as Florida man leads deputies on chase through cattle field," by Orlando Sentinel's Tiffini Theisen. [Read story here](#)

- "Man is bitten by alligator while diving for golf balls," by Sarasota Herald-Tribune Staff. [Read story here](#)

- "USF: Improv instructor abused power to coerce students into sex," by Tampa Bay Times' Claire McNeill. [Read story here](#)

- "Police: Man beats autistic, deaf man known as 'Minneola Superhero'," by WFTV-9 Web Staff. [Read story here](#)

- "1 of 3 endangered Key deer found tied up in car euthanized," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "Visitor killed in hit-run crash just wanted 'to have a picture with boats,' wife says," by Sun-Sentinel's Mike Clary. [Read story here](#)

- "Man drags Florida police officer after traffic stop," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "Florida man sentenced to 4 months in Inauguration Day riots," by AP. [Read story here](#)

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Lawmakers banned smoking marijuana --- but allowed patients to vaporize, or "vape," pot products --- in a bill approved during a special session last month. Scott signed the bill, which went into effect last week.

"The people of Florida knew exactly what they were voting on, when they voted. When they were voting on it, the vast majority, if not 100 percent, knew that smoke was included. The fact that we are here today is really unnecessary, but here we go," Morgan told reporters outside the Leon County Courthouse.

But House Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues, an Estero Republican who sponsored the legislation and insisted on the smoking ban, defended lawmakers' actions. Rodrigues said other states that permit smoking of medical marijuana made it clear in



proposals that went before voters.

"If you look at those other states, their constitutional amendments declared that it could be smoked and that it could be self-grown. If that's what John Morgan wanted for Florida, he should have declared it in the amendment," Rodrigues said.

Another measure passed this year could be in even more danger. A Miami judge on Monday ruled that a change to the state's "stand your ground" self-defense law was unconstitutional. Supporters said the change would better protect the rights of defendants in "stand your ground" cases.

In a 14-page order, Miami-Dade County Circuit Judge Milton Hirsch wrote that the Legislature overstepped its authority with the change, which involves pre-trial burden of proof.

The change violates Florida's separation-of-powers doctrine because it amounts to a "procedural" revision, something that must be handled by the Florida Supreme Court, Hirsch wrote.

Supporters of the controversial change predicted an appeal.

"I'd be surprised if this decision wasn't overturned by the appellate court," said Sen. Rob Bradley, a Fleming Island Republican and former prosecutor who sponsored the legislation.

## THE DEATH PENALTY RETURNS

Scott also added another item to the judiciary's load this week, when he signaled a potential end to the 18-month hiatus for the death penalty by rescheduling the execution of convicted killer Mark James Asay for Aug. 24.

Asay was one of two Death Row inmates whose executions were put on hold by the Florida Supreme Court early last year after the U.S. Supreme Court, in a case known as *Hurst v. Florida*, struck down as unconstitutional the state's death-penalty sentencing system.

The January 2016 federal court decision set off a string of rulings that have effectively put Florida's death penalty in limbo for 18 months. In the ensuing legal battle, the court found Asay could be put to death because he was sentenced before a ruling that set the groundwork for *Hurst*.

Asay also would be the first Death Row inmate executed under a new, untested lethal-injection process adopted by state corrections officials. The changes to the three-drug lethal injection procedure come after previous drugs used by the state to execute prisoners expired.

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Other actions from the legislative session faced court challenges of their own. Orlando trial lawyer John Morgan, the virtual godfather of medical marijuana in Florida, challenged a new law carrying out a constitutional amendment that broadly legalized pharmacological pot. The challenge focuses on part of the law that wouldn't allow patients to smoke the product.

Lawmakers banned smoking marijuana --- but allowed patients to vaporize, or "vape," pot products --- in a bill approved during a special session last month. Scott signed the bill, which went into effect last week.

"The people of Florida knew exactly what they were voting on, when they voted. When they were voting on it, the vast majority, if not 100 percent, knew that smoke was included. The fact that we are here today is really unnecessary, but here we go," Morgan told reporters outside the Leon County Courthouse.

But House Majority Leader Ray Rodrigues, an Estero Republican who sponsored the legislation and insisted on the smoking ban, defended lawmakers' actions. Rodrigues said other states that permit smoking of medical marijuana made it clear in

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"If you look at those other states, their constitutional amendments declared that it could be smoked and that it could be self-grown. If that's what John Morgan wanted for Florida, he should have declared it in the amendment," Rodrigues said.

Another measure passed this year could be in even more danger. A Miami judge on Monday ruled that a change to the state's "stand your ground" self-defense law was unconstitutional. Supporters said the change would better protect the rights of defendants in "stand your ground" cases.

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The change violates Florida's separation-of-powers doctrine because it amounts to a "procedural" revision, something that must be handled by the Florida Supreme Court, Hirsch wrote.

Supporters of the controversial change predicted an appeal.

"I'd be surprised if this decision wasn't overturned by the appellate court," said Sen. Rob Bradley, a Fleming Island Republican and former prosecutor who sponsored the legislation.

## THE DEATH PENALTY RETURNS

Scott also added another item to the judiciary's load this week, when he signaled a potential end to the 18-month hiatus for the death penalty by rescheduling the execution of convicted killer Mark James Asay for Aug. 24.

Asay was one of two Death Row inmates whose executions were put on hold by the Florida Supreme Court early last year after the U.S. Supreme Court, in a case known as *Hurst v. Florida*, struck down as unconstitutional the state's death-penalty sentencing system.

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**REBUTTAL TO RUBIO - TREASURY SECRETARY STEVEN MNUCHIN RESPONDS**to Rubio's tweet on ABC's "This Week": "In all due respect, and I think very highly of the senator, but let me just comment ... that I think this is a very important step forward. What we want to make sure is that we coordinate with Russia, that we're focused on cybersecurity together, that we make sure that they never interfere in any democratic elections or conduct any cyber security. And this is like any other strategic alliance. Whether we're doing military exercises with our allies or anything else. This is about having capabilities to make sure that we both fight cyber together, which I think is a very significant accomplishment for President Trump."

**SPOTTED:** Rubio (R-Fla.) on a tour at the Naval Academy in Annapolis on Friday. View photo[here](#).

**MISSING LAWMAKERS - "Obamacare backers to hold 'empty chair' town hall in Miami," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos:** South Florida activists, angered with the refusal of Sen. Marco Rubio and other area congressional members to hold town halls over legislative efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, are holding an "Empty Chair" town hall on Saturday to air their opposition to what they say is "a disastrous" Senate health care bill being crafted by Republicans. "Rubio, Curbelo and Diaz-Balart can't continue to duck and hide from constituents or go another 2,100 days avoiding townhalls; they have a responsibility to answer critical policy questions from voters," said organizers in a statement, referring to the senator and U.S. Reps. Carlos Curbelo and Mario Diaz-Balart, both from Miami. [Read story here](#)

**UNDERSTANDING MEDICAID - "Medicaid cut in GOP health bill worries the nursing home set," by AP's Terry Spencer:** "Amy Bernard and her brother kept their mother out of a nursing home as long as they could, until Parkinson's and dementia took their toll and she was seriously injured in a fall. Bernard is happy with her mother's nursing home care, but it comes at a steep price: \$7,000 per month, an amount that would be way beyond the older woman's means if not for Medicaid, which picks up \$3,000 of the tab. Which is why Bernard and many other Americans like her are watching the health care debate on Capitol Hill with trepidation. [Read story here](#)

### ... AROUND THE PENINSULA

**MEDICAID MONEY - "Florida mum on which health care plans made too much money from Medicaid," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** "As the state moves forward with its plans to bid out the \$26 billion Medicaid program, top

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health care officials in Tallahassee have yet to determine how many managed care plans currently under contract make excessive profits. Deputy Medicaid Director Beth Kidder told legislators in January that one managed care plan is making more profit than allowable under state law and would be required to refund a portion of the profits to the state. Six months later, though, the agency says it hasn't completed the information. It is attributing the delay to a billing error first caught in 2016 that resulted in the state underpaying Medicaid managed care plans by nearly \$378 million between June 2014 and June 30, 2015. [Read story here](#)

**RESISTED ARREST - "Anti-Trump protesters try for hours to be arrested, cops don't budge," by Miami Herald's Martin Vassallo:** Anti-Trump protesters in Doral tried for about three hours to get arrested on Wednesday, in an attempt to publicly pressure Sen. Marco Rubio to oppose Senate Republicans' healthcare proposal. They sat outside Rubio's Northwest 36th Street office, chanting and sassing police. One protester played limp and another mocked police for feeling threatened. But Doral police didn't bite, and the plan ultimately fell apart under the scorching South Florida sun. [Read story here](#)

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK - "New York boots Armor Correctional; In Florida, Armor boss named to powerful commission," by Florida Bulldog's Dan Christensen:** "The company that provides health-care services to thousands of jail inmates across Florida, including Broward and Palm Beach counties, has been kicked out of New York for allegedly 'placing inmates' health in jeopardy." Armor Correctional Health Services paid \$350,000 in penalties and agreed not to bid on or enter into any contract to provide jail health services in New York state for three years, settling formal charges brought in July 2016 by New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman. The lawsuit was filed after a dozen inmates died since Armor was hired, including five found to have received inadequate medical care, Schneiderman's office said. [Read story here](#)

**MEDIAWATCH - "Fusion is planning to rebrand under a new name: Splinter,"** by Business Insider's Maxwell Tani: "The site formerly known as Fusion.net is rebranding as a site tentatively called Splinter. Four Gizmodo Media Group (GMG) sources familiar with the decision say Fusion is set to roll out a version of its new name some time in July, although it is unclear whether it will be named Splinter, or a similar acronym. ... A GMG source cautioned that the name "Splinter" could still be subject to change, since Univision hasn't seemed to secure the domain name Splinter.com yet." [Read story here](#)

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC POWER - "Economist sees Florida economy pushing above \$1 trillion next year," by Sarsota Herald-Tribune staff:** A prominent Florida economist is expecting Florida's gross state product - akin to gross domestic product, or the sum of all the goods and services produced within a geography for a year - to break the \$1 trillion mark next year. University of Central Florida economist Sean Snaith predicts that the gross state product will then climb to \$1.074 trillion in 2019, a figure that today would make the Florida economy the 16th largest in the world, as ranked by the World Bank. [Read story here](#)

- Florida, Texas trade spots again in airline travel as Scott touts grants. [Read story here](#)

**SWEET BIZ - "Pineapple farm keeping alive Treasure Coast's roots," by AP's Colleen Wixon:** "You might not be familiar with the Treasure Coast's pineapple connection. There's history to it, and remnants remain today. In the early 1900s, pineapple farms were plentiful from Rockledge to Jensen Beach, and the tropical fruit was shipped across the country by rail. There's even an annual Pineapple Festival in Jensen Beach, celebrating the area's one-time status as the 'pineapple capital of the world.' But by 1920, however, after a series of crop-damaging freezes and more cost-efficient rail service to bring Cuban pineapples from Miami, many pineapple farmers had abandoned their efforts, lured away by the more-lucrative citrus industry. [Read story here](#)

- "Diego Hernandez, once Navy's highest-ranking Hispanic officer, dies," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "State Attorney promised to reform the office. Six months later, has she delivered?" by Florida Times-Union's Andrew Pantazi. [Read story here](#)

... BEYOND THE PENINSULA

**GITMO VISIT - "Attorney General, Director of National Intelligence tour Guantánamo Bay," by Miami Herald's Carol Rosenberg:** "In the highest-ranking known visit by a Trump administration official, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Director of National Intelligence, Dan Coats, were visiting this remote outpost Friday to get 'an up-to-date understanding' of current War on Terror operations. Sessions deputy, Rod Rosenstein, was also on the tour. Its first stop was the war court compound, Camp Justice, where the Pentagon holds pretrial hearings in the death-penalty case against five alleged plotters of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and others accused of terrorism and war crimes." [Read story here](#)

**RELEASED - "Jailed Venezuela opposition leader Lopez given house arrest," by AP's Fabiola Sanchez:** "Opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez was released from prison and placed under house arrest Saturday after more than three years in a military lockup, a shock reversal by the government that fueled hopes for a broader amnesty for dozens of jailed activists in a country sliding ever deeper into political turmoil. A euphoric Lopez briefly greeted a few dozen supporters gathered outside his home in Caracas in the afternoon. Climbing atop a wall dressed in a white shirt, he clutched and then kissed a Venezuelan flag and raised his right fist in a show of defiance. Lopez vowed that he is prepared to return to jail rather than give up his fight to remove socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

**"This is a step in the march toward freedom,"** Lopez said in a statement read by close ally and lawmaker Freddy Guevara. "I carry no resentment, nor will I give up my beliefs. My position against this regime is firm as are my convictions

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- Read statement on Lopez release from U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Miami, [here](#)

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- "Scott to visit Miami to back freedom for Venezuelan opposition leader," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos. [Read story here](#)

**UNDERSTANDING VENEZUELA'S CRISIS - Americas Society/Council of the Americas** hosts a panel of experts to talk about the economic and political crisis in Venezuela. The program this coming Thursday, July 13, will be conducted in Spanish with simultaneous translation to English. [Register here](#)

### ... FLORIDA MAN, COWS, SHARKS

--"Florida man charged with interfering with crew on Seattle-to-Beijing flight," by Seattle Times' Christine Willmsen: "A Tampa, Fla., man who allegedly assaulted flight attendants on a Seattle-to-Beijing flight was charged Friday with interference with flight-crew members and flight attendants. The man, identified as Joseph Daniel Hudek IV, 23, tried to open an exit door and assaulted two flight attendants and a passenger during the Thursday evening flight, according to a criminal complaint. A flight attendant broke at least one wine bottle over the man's head during the struggle, the complaint alleges." [Read story here](#)

--"Man tried to rob convenience store for a beer - with a sword," by Tallahassee Democrat's Ashley White: "A 48-year-old man armed only with a sword tried to rob beer from a convenience store owner who fought back with a broom handle Thursday night. Reginald Lide is suspected of robbing the Time Saver convenience store on West Brevard Street, said the Tallahassee Police Department. Lide entered the store pointing a two-foot sword at the owner and demanded a beer. The owner defended himself with a broom handle, TPD said." [Read story here](#)

- "Florida Gov. and House speaker seeking end to lottery tussle," by AP. [Read story here](#)

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- "Casey Anthony 'blacked out' death, attorney says," by Orlando Sentinel's Hal Boedeker. [Read story here](#)

- "Terrified cows run for their lives as Florida man leads deputies on chase through cattle field," by Orlando Sentinel's Tiffini Theisen. [Read story here](#)

- "Man is bitten by alligator while diving for golf balls," by Sarasota Herald-Tribune Staff. [Read story here](#)

- "USF: Improv instructor abused power to coerce students into sex," by Tampa Bay Times' Claire McNeill. [Read story here](#)

- "Police: Man beats autistic, deaf man known as 'Minneola Superhero'," by WFTV-9 Web Staff. [Read story here](#)

- "1 of 3 endangered Key deer found tied up in car euthanized," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "Visitor killed in hit-run crash just wanted 'to have a picture with boats,' wife says," by Sun-Sentinel's Mike Clary. [Read story here](#)

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### ... AROUND CONGRESS

**BIBLICAL TWEETS - "Marco Rubio Is Tweeting the Most Republican Part of the Bible," by Joel S. Baden in POLITICO Magazine:** Marco Rubio had a message for his nearly 3 million Twitter followers on the morning of June 26: "As dogs return to their vomit, so fools repeat their folly. Proverbs 26:11." That one might have been his most head-snapping, but Rubio, the Republican senator from Florida, had been tweeting verses like that one since May 16. He has tweeted a biblical verse almost every day since then. Almost all of them come from the Old Testament, and specifically the book of Proverbs. [Read story here](#)

**LOTS OF REPUBLICANS V. TRUMP --@marcorubio:** "While reality & pragmatism requires that we engage Vladimir Putin, he will never be a trusted ally or a reliable constructive partner. 1/3" ... "Partnering with Putin on a 'Cyber Security Unit' is akin to partnering with Assad on a 'Chemical Weapons Unit'. 2/3" ... "We have no quarrel with Russia or the Russian people. Problem is with Putin & his oppression, war crimes & interference in our elections 1/3".

**REBUTTAL TO RUBIO - TREASURY SECRETARY STEVEN MNUCHIN RESPONDS**to Rubio's tweet on ABC's "This Week": "In all due respect, and I think very highly of the senator, but let me just comment ... that I think this is a very important step forward. What we want to make sure is that we coordinate with Russia, that we're focused on cybersecurity together, that we make sure that they never interfere in any democratic elections or conduct any cyber security. And this is like any other strategic alliance. Whether we're doing military exercises with our allies or anything else. This is about having capabilities to make sure that we both fight cyber together, which I think is a very significant accomplishment for President Trump."

**SPOTTED:** Rubio (R-Fla.) on a tour at the Naval Academy in Annapolis on Friday. View photo[here](#).

**MISSING LAWMAKERS - "Obamacare backers to hold 'empty chair' town hall in Miami," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos:** South Florida activists, angered with the refusal of Sen. Marco Rubio and other area congressional members to hold town halls over legislative efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, are holding an "Empty Chair" town hall on Saturday to air their opposition to what they say is "a disastrous" Senate health care bill being crafted by Republicans. "Rubio, Curbelo and Diaz-Balart can't continue to duck and hide from constituents or go another 2,100 days avoiding townhalls; they have a responsibility to answer critical policy questions from voters," said organizers in a statement, referring to the senator and U.S. Reps. Carlos Curbelo and Mario Diaz-Balart, both from Miami. [Read story here](#)

**UNDERSTANDING MEDICAID - "Medicaid cut in GOP health bill worries the nursing home set," by AP's Terry Spencer:** "Amy Bernard and her brother kept their mother out of a nursing home as long as they could, until Parkinson's and dementia took their toll and she was seriously injured in a fall. Bernard is happy with her mother's nursing home care, but it comes at a steep price: \$7,000 per month, an amount that would be way beyond the older woman's means if not for Medicaid, which picks up \$3,000 of the tab. Which is why Bernard and many other Americans like her are watching the health care debate on Capitol Hill with trepidation. [Read story here](#)

### ... AROUND THE PENINSULA

**MEDICAID MONEY - "Florida mum on which health care plans made too much money from Medicaid," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** "As the state moves forward with its plans to bid out the \$26 billion Medicaid program, top

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health care officials in Tallahassee have yet to determine how many managed care plans currently under contract make excessive profits. Deputy Medicaid Director Beth Kidder told legislators in January that one managed care plan is making more profit than allowable under state law and would be required to refund a portion of the profits to the state. Six months later, though, the agency says it hasn't completed the information. It is attributing the delay to a billing error first caught in 2016 that resulted in the state underpaying Medicaid managed care plans by nearly \$378 million between June 2014 and June 30, 2015. [Read story here](#)

**RESISTED ARREST - "Anti-Trump protesters try for hours to be arrested, cops don't budge," by Miami Herald's Martin Vassallo:** Anti-Trump protesters in Doral tried for about three hours to get arrested on Wednesday, in an attempt to publicly pressure Sen. Marco Rubio to oppose Senate Republicans' healthcare proposal. They sat outside Rubio's Northwest 36th Street office, chanting and sassing police. One protester played limp and another mocked police for feeling threatened. But Doral police didn't bite, and the plan ultimately fell apart under the scorching South Florida sun. [Read story here](#)

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK - "New York boots Armor Correctional; In Florida, Armor boss named to powerful commission," by Florida Bulldog's Dan Christensen:** "The company that provides health-care services to thousands of jail inmates across Florida, including Broward and Palm Beach counties, has been kicked out of New York for allegedly 'placing inmates' health in jeopardy." Armor Correctional Health Services paid \$350,000 in penalties and agreed not to bid on or enter into any contract to provide jail health services in New York state for three years, settling formal charges brought in July 2016 by New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman. The lawsuit was filed after a dozen inmates died since Armor was hired, including five found to have received inadequate medical care, Schneiderman's office said. [Read story here](#)

**MEDIAWATCH - "Fusion is planning to rebrand under a new name: Splinter,"** by Business Insider's Maxwell Tani: "The site formerly known as Fusion.net is rebranding as a site tentatively called Splinter. Four Gizmodo Media Group (GMG) sources familiar with the decision say Fusion is set to roll out a version of its new name some time in July, although it is unclear whether it will be named Splinter, or a similar acronym. ... A GMG source cautioned that the name "Splinter" could still be subject to change, since Univision hasn't seemed to secure the domain name Splinter.com yet." [Read story here](#)

**GLOBAL ECONOMIC POWER - "Economist sees Florida economy pushing above \$1 trillion next year," by Sarsota Herald-Tribune staff:** A prominent Florida economist is expecting Florida's gross state product - akin to gross domestic product, or the sum of all the goods and services produced within a geography for a year - to break the \$1 trillion mark next year. University of Central Florida economist Sean Snaith predicts that the gross state product will then climb to \$1.074 trillion in 2019, a figure that today would make the Florida economy the 16th largest in the world, as ranked by the World Bank. [Read story here](#)

- Florida, Texas trade spots again in airline travel as Scott touts grants. [Read story here](#)

**SWEET BIZ - "Pineapple farm keeping alive Treasure Coast's roots," by AP's Colleen Wixon:** "You might not be familiar with the Treasure Coast's pineapple connection. There's history to it, and remnants remain today. In the early 1900s, pineapple farms were plentiful from Rockledge to Jensen Beach, and the tropical fruit was shipped across the country by rail. There's even an annual Pineapple Festival in Jensen Beach, celebrating the area's one-time status as the 'pineapple capital of the world.' But by 1920, however, after a series of crop-damaging freezes and more cost-efficient rail service to bring Cuban pineapples from Miami, many pineapple farmers had abandoned their efforts, lured away by the more-lucrative citrus industry. [Read story here](#)

- "Diego Hernandez, once Navy's highest-ranking Hispanic officer, dies," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "State Attorney promised to reform the office. Six months later, has she delivered?" by Florida Times-Union's Andrew Pantazi. [Read story here](#)

... BEYOND THE PENINSULA

**GITMO VISIT - "Attorney General, Director of National Intelligence tour Guantánamo Bay," by Miami Herald's Carol Rosenberg:** "In the highest-ranking known visit by a Trump administration official, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Director of National Intelligence, Dan Coats, were visiting this remote outpost Friday to get 'an up-to-date understanding' of current War on Terror operations. Sessions deputy, Rod Rosenstein, was also on the tour. Its first stop was the war court compound, Camp Justice, where the Pentagon holds pretrial hearings in the death-penalty case against five alleged plotters of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and others accused of terrorism and war crimes." [Read story here](#)

**RELEASED - "Jailed Venezuela opposition leader Lopez given house arrest," by AP's Fabiola Sanchez:** "Opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez was released from prison and placed under house arrest Saturday after more than three years in a military lockup, a shock reversal by the government that fueled hopes for a broader amnesty for dozens of jailed activists in a country sliding ever deeper into political turmoil. A euphoric Lopez briefly greeted a few dozen supporters gathered outside his home in Caracas in the afternoon. Climbing atop a wall dressed in a white shirt, he clutched and then kissed a Venezuelan flag and raised his right fist in a show of defiance. Lopez vowed that he is prepared to return to jail rather than give up his fight to remove socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

**"This is a step in the march toward freedom,"** Lopez said in a statement read by close ally and lawmaker Freddy Guevara. "I carry no resentment, nor will I give up my beliefs. My position against this regime is firm as are my convictions

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to fight for a real peace, coexistence, change and freedom." [Read story here](#)

- Read statement on Lopez release from U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Miami, [here](#)

- Read statement on Lopez release from U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, R-Weston, [here](#)

- "Scott to visit Miami to back freedom for Venezuelan opposition leader," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos. [Read story here](#)

**UNDERSTANDING VENEZUELA'S CRISIS - Americas Society/Council of the Americas** hosts a panel of experts to talk about the economic and political crisis in Venezuela. The program this coming Thursday, July 13, will be conducted in Spanish with simultaneous translation to English. [Register here](#)

### ... FLORIDA MAN, COWS, SHARKS

--"Florida man charged with interfering with crew on Seattle-to-Beijing flight," by Seattle Times' Christine Willmsen: "A Tampa, Fla., man who allegedly assaulted flight attendants on a Seattle-to-Beijing flight was charged Friday with interference with flight-crew members and flight attendants. The man, identified as Joseph Daniel Hudek IV, 23, tried to open an exit door and assaulted two flight attendants and a passenger during the Thursday evening flight, according to a criminal complaint. A flight attendant broke at least one wine bottle over the man's head during the struggle, the complaint alleges." [Read story here](#)

--"Man tried to rob convenience store for a beer - with a sword," by Tallahassee Democrat's Ashley White: "A 48-year-old man armed only with a sword tried to rob beer from a convenience store owner who fought back with a broom handle Thursday night. Reginald Lide is suspected of robbing the Time Saver convenience store on West Brevard Street, said the Tallahassee Police Department. Lide entered the store pointing a two-foot sword at the owner and demanded a beer. The owner defended himself with a broom handle, TPD said." [Read story here](#)

- "Florida Gov. and House speaker seeking end to lottery tussle," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "Is future House Speaker Paul Renner a 'Jacksonville guy?'" by Florida Times-Union's Tia Mitchell [Read story here](#)

- "Casey Anthony 'blacked out' death, attorney says," by Orlando Sentinel's Hal Boedeker. [Read story here](#)

- "Terrified cows run for their lives as Florida man leads deputies on chase through cattle field," by Orlando Sentinel's Tiffini Theisen. [Read story here](#)

- "Man is bitten by alligator while diving for golf balls," by Sarasota Herald-Tribune Staff. [Read story here](#)

- "USF: Improv instructor abused power to coerce students into sex," by Tampa Bay Times' Claire McNeill. [Read story here](#)

- "Police: Man beats autistic, deaf man known as 'Minneola Superhero'," by WFTV-9 Web Staff. [Read story here](#)

- "1 of 3 endangered Key deer found tied up in car euthanized," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "Visitor killed in hit-run crash just wanted 'to have a picture with boats,' wife says," by Sun-Sentinel's Mike Clary. [Read story here](#)

- "Man drags Florida police officer after traffic stop," by AP. [Read story here](#)

- "Florida man sentenced to 4 months in Inauguration Day riots," by AP. [Read story here](#)

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## STATE STILL SILENT ABOUT VOTER DATA REQUEST

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THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, July 3, 2017 ..... Despite a bipartisan backlash against a White House commission's request for information about states' voter rolls, Gov. Rick Scott's administration is still not saying whether Florida will provide the potentially sensitive information.

Last week, the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity issued letters to state elections officials asking for a variety of information that could be culled from voter rolls "if publicly available under the laws of your state."

The information included the names of registered voters, their addresses, partial social security numbers, voting history and felony convictions.

On Friday, Scott said he hadn't seen the letter. On Monday, a spokeswoman for his office referred questions to the Department of State.

"We have received the letter," a spokeswoman for the agency wrote in an email. "We are reviewing it."

The nonresponse from Florida officials comes as counterparts from around half of the states have publicly declined to give the commission all of the requested information requested.

Notably, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach --- who, as vice chairman of the commission, wrote the letter --- reportedly said his state would be unable to comply with the entire request because some of the information is not publicly available.

Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann, a Republican like Scott and President Donald Trump, was more blunt in a statement issued by his office last week, even as Hosemann said he hadn't received the letter yet.

"My reply would be: They can go jump in the Gulf of Mexico and Mississippi is a great State to launch from," he said.

But the request could also put Scott in a delicate political situation. The governor is a close ally of Trump, and is considering a run against U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson in 2018. And Trump, who narrowly won Florida in November, condemned states that rebuffed his commission over the weekend.

"Numerous states are refusing to give information to the very distinguished VOTER FRAUD PANEL. What are they trying to hide?" Trump wrote on Twitter.

The Florida Democratic Party has called on Scott to turn out the request for the information. Democrats across the country have said that Trump's uncorroborated claims that millions of people voted illegally in last year's election are meant to set the stage to attack voting rights.

"This commission facilitates a dangerous and false narrative that voter fraud is rampant --- this is a thinly veiled attempt at justifying national voter suppression," said Johanna Cervone, a spokeswoman for the party. "Every responsible elected official should reject this farce of a commission immediately."

All three Democratic candidates for governor --- Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former Congresswoman Gwen Graham and Winter Park businessman Chris King --- have also slammed the commission.

In a letter to Scott, Graham said the panel "was created to stroke President Trump's ego."

"As your administration learned after its costly, partisan attempt to purge our state's voter rolls, there is no evidence of significant voter fraud in Florida," she wrote. "With these facts in mind, it would be irresponsible to send sensitive data on Florida voters to President Trump's phony commission."

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**By Sergio Bustos** ([sbustos@politico.com](mailto:sbustos@politico.com); [@sbustosFL](#)) and the staff of POLITICO Florida

**Happy Friday.** In responding to the Trump-appointed election commission's request for tons of personal data on 13 million registered state voters, Secretary of State Ken Detzner buried the lede, as they say in the journalism business.

His answer: Take what's already public, but you can forget the rest.

That's what he eventually told the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity and its chairman, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach.

In Detzner's defense, he did offer a clue in the opening of his letter to the commission, which was created by Trump to investigate his claims that between 3 million and 5 million illegal ballots cast in last November's election.

"The right to vote is one of the most sacred rights available in the democratic process," Detzner wrote. "Or course, the responsibility for the accuracy and fairness of our election process in Florida lies on us, not with the federal government in Washington."

And so it goes ... on to the rest of the news in the Sunshine State.

### ... AROUND TRUPLANDIA

**SPACE WATCH - "Vice president gets insider look at Kennedy Space Center," by AP's Marcia Dunn:** Vice President Mike Pence got an insider's look at Kennedy Space Center on Thursday and promised more glory days ahead for 'this gateway to the stars.' Pence is heading up a newly revived National Space Council. President Donald Trump re-established the advisory group last week. 'Here from this bridge to space, our nation will return to the moon, and we will put American boots on the face of Mars,' he added, drawing cheers and applause from the hundreds of space center workers, astronauts and dignitaries." [Read story here](#)

### ... AROUND THE CAPITOL

**NOTHING MORE - "Florida to Trump election panel: We'll only give up voter info that's already public," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** Florida's top election official finally responded to the request from President Donald Trump's election integrity commission for millions of voter records, saying he would give them what any member of the public can see but not confidential information. "Although most of the information you've requested is available to the public in Florida, we cannot fully comply with your entire request," Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner wrote Thursday in a letter to the commission chairman, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. "Driver's license information and social security numbers are not, and cannot be provided" under Florida law. Detzner's letter also notes that they won't be releasing any information that's exempt or confidential under Florida law, which includes certain identifying information dealing with police officers, judges, prosecutors and the victims of domestic abuse. Florida has about 13 million registered voters. [Read story here](#)

**- "Where have we seen Trump's 'repugnant' voter witch hunt before? In Scott's Florida," by Miami Herald Columnist Fabiola Santiago.** [Read column here](#)

**THUMBS DOWN - "Florida Democrats press Scott to turn down Trump request for voter data," by POLITICO Florida's Sergio Bustos and Daniel Ducassi:** Several Democratic lawmakers in Congress and the entire Democratic caucus of the state Legislature are urging the Scott administration to reject President Donald Trump's request for data on state voters. Seven members of the state's congressional delegation are calling the request "part of the President's thinly veiled attempt to block legitimate access to the right to vote." Their letter sent Thursday to Gov. Rick Scott was signed by Reps. Ted Deutch, Alcee Hastings, Charlie Crist, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Kathy Castor, Lois Frankel and Al Lawson. "As you know, more than half of all states have declined to provide sensitive information about their states' voters at the request of the bogus voter fraud commission President Trump established in spite of having no evidence whatsoever that widespread voter fraud has occurred in the United States," the federal lawmakers wrote. "We expect you to treat Florida voters with the same respect by refusing to turn over their personal information." [Read story here](#)

**REMAKING THE GRADE - "Fla. seeks to protect Bush-era school grading system in federal waiver request," by POLITICO Florida's Jessica Bakeman:** Florida education officials are seeking a waiver from new federal requirements in hopes of protecting the school grading system championed by former Gov. Jeb Bush. The state Department of Education recently began soliciting public comment on its 67-page draft plan for how Florida's districts and schools will comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act. The agency is also gathering feedback on its application for waivers from certain aspects of the law, including new requirements that would overhaul the A-to-F school-grading system, which officials argue is working well and should be left alone.



**While some other states may not already have processes for evaluating schools' performance** and therefore are starting from scratch, Florida's system has been in place since Bush ushered in the so-called "A+ Plan" in 1999. In defending the state's education system against legal challenges in recent years, officials have often painted Bush's reform agenda as a transformational force that took Florida's public schools from among the country's worst to among the best, based on certain indicators like national standardized tests. [Read story here](#)

- **"Florida Gulf Coast University may ask state for more than \$63 million in 2018," by Fort Myers News-Press' Thyrie Bland:** [Read story here](#)

- **"New education law allows anti-science mob to go after evolution and climate change," by Miami Herald columnist Fred Grimm:** [Read story here](#)

**KEY RULING - "Sarasota for-profit hospitals could gain \$300M after Florida Supreme Court ruling," by POLITICO Florida's Christine Sexton:** In a decision that could ripple across the state, the Florida Supreme Court on Thursday sided with private hospitals in a Sarasota County dispute that could reap them \$300 million. In a 4-2 decision, the court ruled that the private hospitals can be reimbursed for providing indigent health care under a 2003 "special law" relating to the Sarasota County Public Hospital District and that it would not provide an unconstitutional privilege to a private corporation. [Read story here](#)

**NO SURPRISE - "John Morgan sues Florida to allow smokable medical marijuana," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** The Orlando trial lawyer who bankrolled Florida's constitutional marijuana amendment filed a highly anticipated lawsuit against the state and Florida health officials on Thursday, saying state lawmakers undermined the clear will of the voters by banning patients from lighting up. John Morgan's 14-page complaint takes aim at the definition of "medical use," which explicitly excludes smoking medical marijuana. [Read story here](#)

- **"John Morgan on why he can wait to join gov's race, and his next ballot campaign," by Herald/Times Tallahassee Bureau's Mary Ellen Klas:** [Read story here](#)

#### ... AROUND CONGRESS

**NO FINISH LINE IN SIGHT - "Nelson says GOP health plan loses momentum," by Orlando Sentinel's Steven Lemongello:** "U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson on Wednesday brushed off a new GOP ad tying him to calls for single-payer health insurance, while also saying the Republican's own health plan 'has no momentum' in the Senate. Nelson, in Orlando to meet with students to talk about his proposed Senate bill to cap student loan rates, also called for a diplomatic solution to the North Korean missile crisis and largely praised the decision to restart the National Space Council under Vice President Mike Pence." [Read story here](#)

- **"Activists lobby Sen. Marco Rubio for a no vote," by Tallahassee Democrat's James Call:** [Read story here](#)

- **"Liberals plan sit-in at Marco Rubio's office over health care," by Tampa Bay Times Washington Bureau Chief Alex Leary:** [Read story here](#)

- **"U.S. Rep. Al Lawson: Change will come, someday, for Obamacare," by Florida Times-Union's Steve Patterson:** [Read story here](#)

**NOT SO FREE SPEECH - "U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney wants to withhold funding to colleges with 'safe zones'," by Naples Daily News' Alexandra Glorioso:** "U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney said Wednesday a policy adopted by colleges and universities to protect gay and lesbian students from harassment by creating safe zones actually undermines the Constitution. Rooney, R-Fla., said he supports an existing House resolution to protect freedom of speech at colleges and universities, and would go further with a proposal to withhold taxpayers' money from higher education institutions that provide the safe spaces." [Read story here](#)

**STUCK ON RUNWAY - "Trump plan to overhaul air traffic control has key opponent: Mario Diaz-Balart," by McClatchy Washington Bureau's Alex Daugherty:** "One month ago, Donald Trump publicly backed an overhaul of the nation's air traffic control system during a White House speech, the first major policy proposal announced by the president during 'Infrastructure Week.' But standing in Trump's way is the only Miami House Republican who voted for him during the 2016 election: Mario Diaz-Balart. He's worried that public oversight of the nation's air-traffic control system could end if it's run by a private non-profit controlled by various stakeholders in the airline industry." [Read story here](#)

**WASTEWATER WAR - "Bill Nelson letter knocks Florida DEP on landfill injection well permit," by POLITICO Florida's Bruce Ritchie:** U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) on Thursday asked federal officials to provide close scrutiny of a draft state permit involving underground injection of wastewater from a regional landfill in the Florida Panhandle. Nelson raised the issue in a letter to the EPA, saying there was "essentially no public engagement" in issuing a draft Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit for injecting "potentially hazardous material" near drinking water supplies in Jackson County. [Read story here](#)

#### ... AROUND THE PENINSULA

**SOAKING THE SUNSHINE - "Orlando's new solar plant takes shape as Florida's solar energy erupts," by Orlando Sentinel's Kevin Spear:** "Rising with the toxic ash of coal burned to make electricity for Orlando, a man-made hill east of the city is about to have a new role in energy. The nearly 100-foot-tall landfill has been covered with 20,368 solar panels, FL-COLLIER-19-0530-A-000818



conjuring the image of an enormous land beast armored with shiny scales. But while providing unusual scenery in east Orange County, the city's new solar plant is a modest presence amid an unprecedented burst of solar power at sites across Florida." [Read story here](#)

**CAN YOU SPARE THE SIDEWALK? - "Orlando could repeal downtown panhandling rules," by Orlando Sentinel's Jeff Weiner and Kate Santich:** "Orlando's strict rules on begging downtown, which for years have forced panhandlers to solicit donations inside of blue boxes painted on the sidewalk, could soon come to an end. Sweeping changes proposed by Mayor Buddy Dyer's administration would repeal the city's restrictions on panhandling downtown and at night, replacing them with new rules officials say would target 'unwanted and aggressive' soliciting tactics. That includes prohibiting panhandlers from receiving donations from cars stopped on public roadways at red lights or exit ramps." [Read story here](#)

- **"Protest outside Sarasota Memorial Hospital targets health care bill," by Sarasota Herald Tribune's Zac Anderson:** [Read story here](#)

**TOO THRIFTY - "How innovation dies. Scrimpy maintenance budgets threaten America's cutting edge scientific research labs," by POLITICO Pro's Jenny Hopkinson:** Put expensive high-tech scientific equipment in a former citrus packing house more than 60 years old, throw in an overworked air conditioner, a corroding foundation, and the sticky Central Florida climate, and you've got problems. **The University of Florida's Citrus Research and Education Center** is doing cutting-edge work to find cures for new biological threats to the U.S. citrus crop, but its researchers and staff housed in some of the facility's older buildings are also waging a more immediate fight against bugs, rodents and other fauna that thrive in the muggy summer heat. Often, it's a losing fight. The center's work is crucial to the citrus industry: It receives millions of dollars in Agriculture Department and Food and Drug Administration grants each year to tackle diseases that are crippling citrus growers. [Read story here](#)

### ... SPECIAL ELECTIONS

**TRUMP SHADOW LOOMS - "Miami Senate race a hard-edged referendum on Donald Trump," by Miami Herald's Martin Vassolo:** "The Republican primary for a Miami state Senate seat - the first local partisan election since last November - has become a referendum on President Donald Trump. Two self-described Trump loyalists - a former state senator with a taste for Twitter tussles and an attorney who loathes regulation - have channeled Trump in a hard-edged race against a rival who appears to be their polar opposite: A state representative beloved by Tallahassee Republicans with serious financial backing and a more complicated, and more personal, relationship to the president." [Read story here](#)

**LOW-KEY CONTEST - "Two women vie for votes to replace disgraced former Sen. Frank Artiles," by Miami Herald's Alexandria Bordas:** "Perennially outnumbered by Republicans in Tallahassee, Florida Democrats have a chance to win back a competitive Miami state Senate seat in September. But first, Kendall-area voters will have to pick between two political veterans running in the Senate District 40 primary: former state Rep. Ana Rivas Logan and businesswoman Annette Taddeo. Compared to the more expensive and more heated Republican primary, the race between Taddeo and Rivas Logan has been low-key. The two Hispanic women agree on a lot. But Rivas Logan is campaigning as an underdog, outraised by Taddeo even though Rivas Logan has prior experience in elected office and Taddeo does not." [Read story here](#)

- **"Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings files to run for county mayor," by Orlando Sentinel's Christal Hayes** [Read story here](#)

### ... GOVERNOR'S RACE

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Dear Secretary Kobach,

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Dear Secretary Kobach:

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections ("FSASE") is composed of sixty-six of Florida's sixty-seven county Supervisors of Elections. I am the current President. The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity ("Commission") recently sent a letter to Ken Detzner who is the Secretary of the Florida Department of State. The Commission requested information from Florida's statewide voter registration system. The Florida Department of State operates and maintains that system in Florida in conjunction with Florida's elected county Supervisors of Elections. The supervisors in Florida maintain their county voter registration rolls and add or remove voters from the statewide system. The Department of State has responded to the Commission's letter indicating that it would provide all information concerning Florida voters which is public under Florida law but not certain information which is protected from disclosure by Florida law, such as social security numbers or drivers license information.

The Commission's letter, in conjunction with requesting the above information, also inquired concerning what actions might be taken to support state and local election administrators and insure the integrity of elections. While there are numerous actions which could be taken to do that, we would like to call your attention to voter registration information sharing programs between states, such as the Electronic Registration Information Center ("ERIC"). Programs of this type provide the opportunity to election officials to identify voters who have moved within their state, moved to another state, who have died and potential duplicate registrations. This allows for cleaner voter rolls. The FSASE has been



advocating amending Florida law to allow Florida's participation in this program.

Therefore, we would suggest that as the Commission considers various issues, that it evaluate programs such as ERIC which provide valuable information to local election officials who are responsible to maintain the voter registration systems and rolls in their counties and state. Please contact me if we can be of assistance concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Southerland". The script is cursive and fluid.

Dana Southerland





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## Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

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July 26, 2017

Office of the Secretary of State of Florida  
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Sincerely,



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David,

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This MIT analysis shows the difficulties involved in detecting matches among sets of voters. Over the years our office has learned how tough it is, which is why every potential match is researched in great detail including signature comparisons etc before we make a decision. All you have to do is just google your name with no other information and see how many come up. Now try it with Maria Rodriguez or John Smith.

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# Match Game: MIT Researchers Look at PACEI's Voter Roll Matching Plans

By **Doug Chapin** July 28, 2017

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*We then used this data set of over 150 million registered voters and compared it to itself — but missing at least one column of data — to evaluate what false match rates we'd get with incomplete information, as we explain below.*

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*If we choose a registered voter at random, there is a 13.6 percent chance that she will be erroneously matched to at least one other voter somewhere in the country who shares her full name, birth month and birth year. In states that only provide data about birth years (but not months and days), this probability jumps to 36.2 percent. For states that only indicate a voters' decade of birth, the probability of a duplicate for any given voter is 58.6 percent.*

*As you can also see in the table, there is a high chance of matching a voter to more than 10 other unique voters. One out of every 100 registered voters has at least 10 namesakes born in the same month and year. Similarly, there is a one in three chance that at least 10 people with your first and last name were born in the same decade as you.*

*These probabilities may seem high, but they reflect a real overlap in voter names and birthdays. In our data, we find 1.02 million voters who share just 100 common first and last name combinations. And 4,333 name combinations are shared by at least 1,000 people each.*

## ***How many people could possibly have the same name?***

*Consider the 12,553 registered voters named “Maria Rodriguez,” the 17<sup>th</sup> most common name in our data. Although each has a unique birthday, every Maria Rodriguez born between 1918 and 1999 shares a name and birth year with at least one registered voter. Applying Crosscheck's methodology of duplicate registration identification could*



*cause all 12,553 people with this name to be flagged as a possible duplicate, even though exactly zero are.*

*Had we performed these searches using each voter's name and full birthday, we would have concluded that there were zero duplicate records in our data set. But working with registration records that lack essential details, as the commission might, could cause us to draw wildly inaccurate conclusions about the potential for voter fraud.*

*This could create headaches for the 143 registered voters between the ages of 20 and 79 who go by the name Mike Pence.*

Thanks to Mayya and Stephen and everyone at MEDSL for their work in this area; set aside the (considerable!) partisan sentiment at play, and you start to see why states are concerned about the prospect of PACEI using their data to do these kinds of matches. It will certainly be interesting to see how many states do end up sending data to the Commission – and what data they send – but articles like this go a long way toward explaining why the community (and the Commission) should be very careful about drawing conclusions from whatever analysis emerges as a result.



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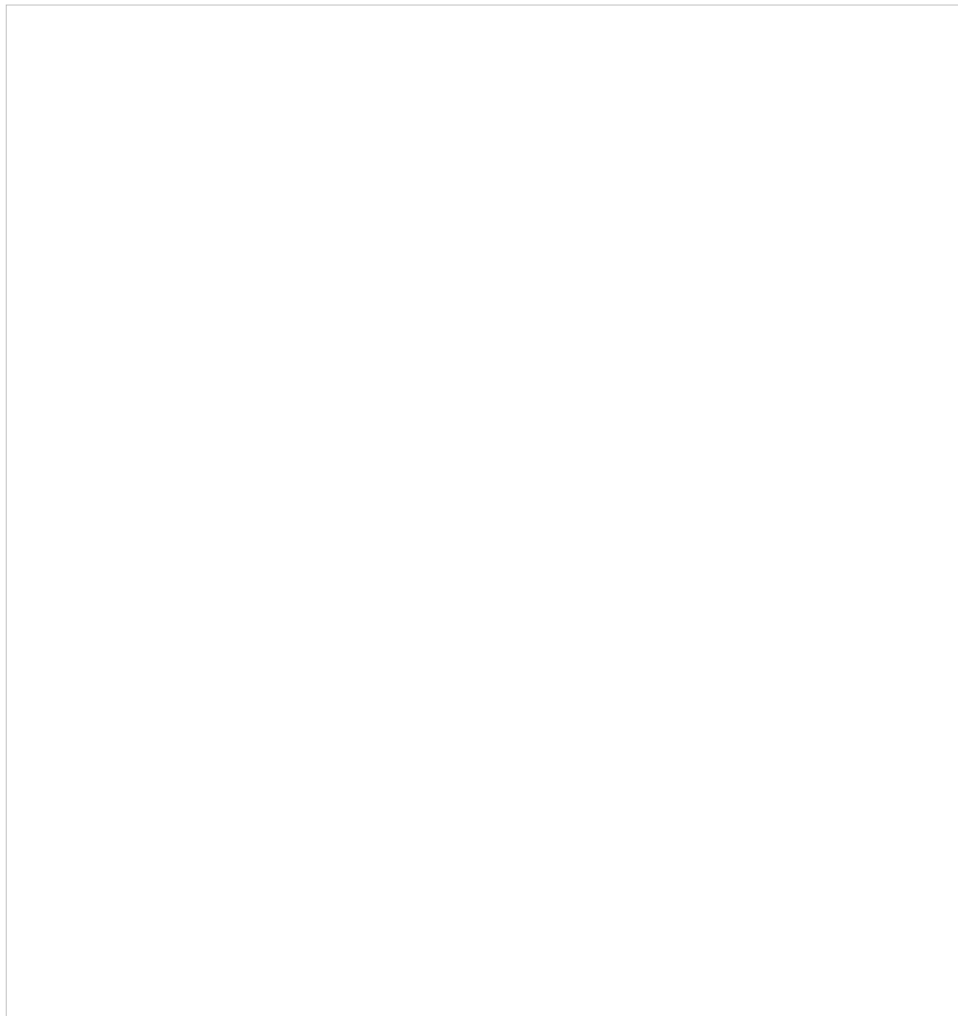
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If we choose a registered voter at random, there is a 13.6 percent chance that she will be erroneously matched to at least one other voter somewhere in the country who shares her full name, birth month and birth year. In states that only provide data about birth years (but not months and days), this probability jumps to 36.2 percent. For states that only indicate a voters' decade of birth, the probability of a duplicate for any given voter is 58.6 percent.

As you can also see in the table, there is a high chance of matching a voter to more than 10 other unique voters. One out of every 100 registered voters has at least 10 namesakes born in the same month and year. Similarly, there is a one in three chance that at least 10 people with your first and last name were born in the same decade as you.

These probabilities may seem high, but they reflect a real overlap in voter names and birthdays. In our data, we find 1.02 million voters who share just 100 common first and last name combinations. And 4,333 name combinations are shared by at least 1,000 people each.

### **How many people could possibly have the same name?**

Consider the 12,553 registered voters named "Maria Rodriguez," the 17<sup>th</sup> most common name in our data. Although each has a unique birthday, every Maria Rodriguez born between 1918 and 1999 shares a name and birth year with at least one registered voter. Applying Crosscheck's methodology of duplicate registration identification could cause all 12,553 people with this name to be flagged as a possible duplicate, even though exactly zero are.

Had we performed these searches using each voter's name and full birthday, we would have concluded that there were zero duplicate records in our data set. But working with registration records that lack essential details, as the commission might, could cause us to draw wildly inaccurate conclusions about the potential for voter fraud.

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Thanks to Mayya and Stephen and everyone at MEDSL for their work in this area; set aside the (considerable!) partisan sentiment at play, and you start to see why states are concerned about the prospect of PACEI using their data to do these kinds of matches. It will certainly be interesting to see how many states do end up sending data to the Commission — and what data they send — but articles like this go a long way toward explaining why the community (and the Commission) should be very careful about drawing conclusions from whatever analysis emerges as a result.

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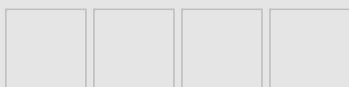
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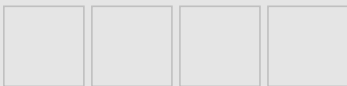
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07/11/2017 06:55 AM EDT

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**Happy Tuesday.** Marc is still missing. I believe we are on like week 10 or 11, but who knows? Anyway, POLITICO has tagged him, so if you see Caputo roaming around some rum bar or Ultimate Frisbee field (is that what they're called?), flip him on his back and send him to the listed return address. Postage is included. But until he returns, you're once again stuck with me: Florida Bureau Chief Matt Dixon.

**Let's start in the only place we can:** The Republican Party of Florida's amazing bust of a fundraising quarter.

Late last night, RPOF posted raising \$338,942 in financial contributions, which for a statewide party that controls all the levers of government is jaw-droppingly bad. It's the worst individual fundraising reporting period RPOF has posted since at least 1996, which is as far back as the state's election website goes.

It's the first quarter with incoming state House Speaker Jose Oliva at the helm of House Majority, the wing of the party that raises money for House races. With Gov. Rick Scott and state Senate leaders no longer raising money for the party, Oliva and chairman Blaise Ingoglia are largely the only ones left raising money for the party.

The number posted shortly after 10:30 p.m. and immediately caught the attention of Republican politicians, some of whom did not believe their own weary eyes. None, however, wanted to blast the party's performance publicly. It was a respectful nod from a crop of George Bush Republican Center-trained consultants lamenting the state of the party organization many of them helped build.

RPOF's numbers are the news, but the Florida Democratic Party isn't exactly breaking the bank...

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**Happy Tuesday.** Marc is still missing. I believe we are on like week 10 or 11, but who knows? Anyway, POLITICO has tagged him, so if you see Caputo roaming around some rum bar or Ultimate Frisbee field (is that what they're called?), flip him on his back and send him to the listed return address. Postage is included. But until he returns, you're once again stuck with me: Florida Bureau Chief Matt Dixon.

**Let's start in the only place we can:** The Republican Party of Florida's amazing bust of a fundraising quarter.

Late last night, RPOF posted raising \$338,942 in financial contributions, which for a statewide party that controls all the levers of government is jaw-droppingly bad. It's the worst individual fundraising reporting period RPOF has posted since at least 1996, which is as far back as the state's election website goes.

It's the first quarter with incoming state House Speaker Jose Oliva at the helm of House Majority, the wing of the party that raises money for House races. With Gov. Rick Scott and state Senate leaders no longer raising money for the party, Oliva and chairman Blaise Ingoglia are largely the only ones left raising money for the party.

The number posted shortly after 10:30 p.m. and immediately caught the attention of Republican politicians, some of whom did not believe their own weary eyes. None, however, wanted to blast the party's performance publicly. It was a respectful nod from a crop of George Bush Republican Center-trained consultants lamenting the state of the party organization many of them helped build.

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Hi Liza, no, I have not seen anything. We were away last week at IOG but I monitored my mail and did not see anything. Jennifer

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Has the Secretary shared any information on the USDOJ NVRA request?

--Liza

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Dear Secretary Kobach:

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections ("FSASE") is composed of sixty-six of Florida's sixty-seven county Supervisors of Elections. I am the current President. The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity ("Commission") recently sent a letter to Ken Detzner who is the Secretary of the Florida Department of State. The Commission requested information from Florida's statewide voter registration system. The Florida Department of State operates and maintains that system in Florida in conjunction with Florida's elected county Supervisors of Elections. The supervisors in Florida maintain their county voter registration rolls and add or remove voters from the statewide system. The Department of State has responded to the Commission's letter indicating that it would provide all information concerning Florida voters which is public under Florida law but not certain information which is protected from disclosure by Florida law, such as social security numbers or drivers license information.

The Commission's letter, in conjunction with requesting the above information, also inquired concerning what actions might be taken to support state and local election administrators and insure the integrity of elections. While there are numerous actions which could be taken to do that, we would like to call your attention to voter registration information sharing programs between states, such as the Electronic Registration Information Center ("ERIC"). Programs of this type provide the opportunity to election officials to identify voters who have moved within their state, moved to another state, who have died and potential duplicate registrations. This allows for cleaner voter rolls. The FSASE has been



advocating amending Florida law to allow Florida's participation in this program.

Therefore, we would suggest that as the Commission considers various issues, that it evaluate programs such as ERIC which provide valuable information to local election officials who are responsible to maintain the voter registration systems and rolls in their counties and state. Please contact me if we can be of assistance concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

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**By Matt Dixon** ([mdixon@politico.com](mailto:mdixon@politico.com); [@Mdixon55](https://twitter.com/Mdixon55)) and the staff of POLITICO Florida

**Happy Tuesday.** Marc is still missing. I believe we are on like week 10 or 11, but who knows? Anyway, POLITICO has tagged him, so if you see Caputo roaming around some rum bar or Ultimate Frisbee field (is that what they're called?), flip him on his back and send him to the listed return address. Postage is included. But until he returns, you're once again stuck with me: Florida Bureau Chief Matt Dixon.

**Let's start in the only place we can:** The Republican Party of Florida's amazing bust of a fundraising quarter.

Late last night, RPOF posted raising \$338,942 in financial contributions, which for a statewide party that controls all the levers of government is jaw-droppingly bad. It's the worst individual fundraising reporting period RPOF has posted since at least 1996, which is as far back as the state's election website goes.

It's the first quarter with incoming state House Speaker Jose Oliva at the helm of House Majority, the wing of the party that raises money for House races. With Gov. Rick Scott and state Senate leaders no longer raising money for the party, Oliva and chairman Blaise Ingoglia are largely the only ones left raising money for the party.

The number posted shortly after 10:30 p.m. and immediately caught the attention of Republican politicians, some of whom did not believe their own weary eyes. None, however, wanted to blast the party's performance publicly. It was a respectful nod from a crop of George Bush Republican Center-trained consultants lamenting the state of the party organization many of them helped build.

RPOF's numbers are the news, but the Florida Democratic Party isn't exactly breaking the bank...

**WISHFUL ACCOUNTING - "Florida Democrats report \$3.5M haul, likely raised much less," by POLITICO Florida's**

**Matt Dixon:** The Florida Democratic Party Monday announced it will report raising roughly \$3.5 million, a number likely given a six-figure boost by pass-through money that was not actually raised by the party. The new numbers have not officially posted, but were announced in a press release. [Read story here](#)

**FALSE PROPHETS AND FAKE NEWS: "Yale Divinity professor attacks Marco Rubio for tweeting Bible verses from Proverbs," by Washington Examiner's Philip Wegmann:**

God-breathed scripture is useful for everything from teaching the young and training the righteous to reproaching false prophets and rebuking fake news. Yale Divinity School Professor Joel Baden made a fool of himself Sunday morning in Politico when he complained about Sen. Marco Rubio's habit of tweeting verses from Proverbs. The Florida Republican, Baden complains, was quoting "the most Republican parts of the Bible." [Read story here](#)

**COMING SOON - "Senate GOP aims to release new health bill by week's end," by POLITICO's Burgess Everett, Jen**

**Haberkorn and Josh Dawsey:** Senate Republicans are hoping to unveil a revamped draft of their legislation to repeal and replace Obamacare by the end of this week, though there are major questions about how it will address roiling GOP disagreement over a proposal touted by conservative senators. New bill text could be unveiled to senators as soon as Thursday, according to sources familiar with the proposal. A Congressional Budget Office score is likely to follow as soon as next Monday; a vote could come by the end of next week. [Read story here](#)

**HEADED TO COURT - "ACLU of Florida sues Trump voter fraud commission," by Miami Herald's Amy Sherman:**

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit Monday in Miami seeking to prevent President **Donald Trump's** voter-fraud commission from collecting voter data it is seeking from all 50 states. The lawsuit was filed against the Presidential Advisory Commission for Voter Integrity, along with Vice President **Mike Pence** and Kansas Secretary of State **Kris Kobach**, chair and vice chair of the commission, as well as Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner. ACLU of Florida Executive Director **Howard Simon** said in a statement that the data request from the Trump commission is unprecedented. [Read story here](#)

- "Graham camp says it had \$360K June haul," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi [Read story here](#).

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**DON AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE - "Yoho defends Trump Jr. meeting with Russian," by Tampa Bay Times' Alex Leary:** Florida Rep. Ted Yoho, a backer of President Donald Trump, tells CNN he would have taken a meeting with a Russian figure promising information on Hillary Clinton. [Read story here](#)

**WORSE BEFORE BETTER - "City giving FBI 90,000 pages of documents," by Tallahassee Democrat's Jeff Burlew:** City of Tallahassee officials say they will deliver to the FBI some 90,000 pages of documents on Tuesday as part of its investigation into local redevelopment deals.

**The FBI demanded the records June 13 in two subpoenas** to the city of Tallahassee and the Community Redevelopment Agency, whose oversight board consists of city and county commissioners. The FBI is conducting the criminal investigation along with the U.S. Attorney's Office and a federal grand jury, which operates in secret. [Read story here](#)

**BAN IT - "Florida wildlife officials won't support federal shark fin ban," by POLITICO Florida's Bruce Ritchie:** State wildlife officials said Monday they are not supporting federal legislation that would ban the trade of shark fins. Shark fins are valuable in Asian countries for a soup that is believed to increase sexual potency. Environmental groups support eliminating the trade to prevent shark finning, the illegal practice of cutting off fins and leaving sharks to die. Shark fins can be sold legally along with other shark meat. [Read story here](#)

**FLORIDA FACTS - "Fact-checking wild (and fake) news about Florida on Facebook," by PolitiFact's Joshua Gillin:** For a state well-known as a hotbed for bizarre true occurrences, Florida is the setting for a healthy number of fake news stories, too. We've been fact-checking fake news stories in cooperation with Facebook for several months, and there's been no shortage of Florida fabrications. The examples involve cannibals, celebrity relocations and made-up quotes from real politicians. [Read story here](#)

**NO SHOW - "Miami senate district forum will be skipped by at least one major Republican candidate," by Miami Herald's Amy Sherman:** Former state Sen. **Alex Diaz de la Portilla**, one of the Republican rivals in the race to replace Sen. **Frank Artiles**, will not appear at a candidate forum at Miami Dade College's Kendall campus Wednesday night. "I spend my time with my voters not with elites," he told the *Miami Herald* in a text confirming that he won't attend. State Rep. **Jose Felix Diaz** said he will try to attend part of the forum, but it is scheduled the same evening when he will appear at a Univision event about the [condo reform bill](#) that he shepherded through this session along with a few other Miami-Dade lawmakers. [Read story here](#)

**OUT - "UM and Cuban studies Institute director part ways," by El Nuevo Herald's Nora Gámez Torres:** The Institute of Cuban and Cuban-American Studies is at the center of a controversy between its outgoing director, Jaime Suchlicki, and the University of Miami, which has been its home for almost 20 years. In a statement issued Friday, UM reported Suchlicki's departure as director of the center. He will remain in office until Aug. 15. [Read story here](#)

**OUT IN FORCE - "Demonstrators in Orlando protest Trump, Scott on voter fraud probe," by Orlando Sentinel staff:** Protesters from several central Florida voter advocacy groups demonstrate in front of the Orange County Supervisor of Elections office, in Orlando, Monday, July 10, 2017, to protest Donald Trump's voter fraud commission and its support by Gov. Rick Scott. [Read story here](#)

**SHOWDOWN - "Lawmakers blast Brevard move to oppose Puerto Rican statehood," by Times/Herald's Steve Bousquet:** Four state House members, two Republicans and two Democrats, are fighting a symbolic effort by the Brevard County Commission to oppose statehood for Puerto Rico. They are Republican Reps. Bob Cortes of Altamonte Springs and Rene "Coach" Plasencia of Orlando, and Democrats John Cortes of Kissimmee and Shevrin Jones of West Park in Broward County. In their letter to the county commission, all four identify themselves as being of Puerto Rican descent and say the county's proposal is unnecessary, improper and counter-productive. (Only Plasencia represents part of Brevard). [Read story here](#)

**COUNTING THE CASH - "State budget boosts Brevard tourism and arts, hits lagoon and colleges," by Florida Today:** Brevard County residents soon will see the effects of the state's \$82 billion budget everywhere - including Port Canaveral, the Indian River Lagoon, local colleges, theaters, the Brevard Zoo and more. Money for space and trade will bring upgrades and needed renovations to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and the port, making way for better launch complexes and cargo facilities. [Read story here](#)

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Jennifer - Has the Secretary of State shared any information with the SOEs on the Pence-Kobach Commission beyond a copy of the letter they sent in response to Secretary Kobach?

Has the Secretary shared any information on the USDOJ NVRA request?

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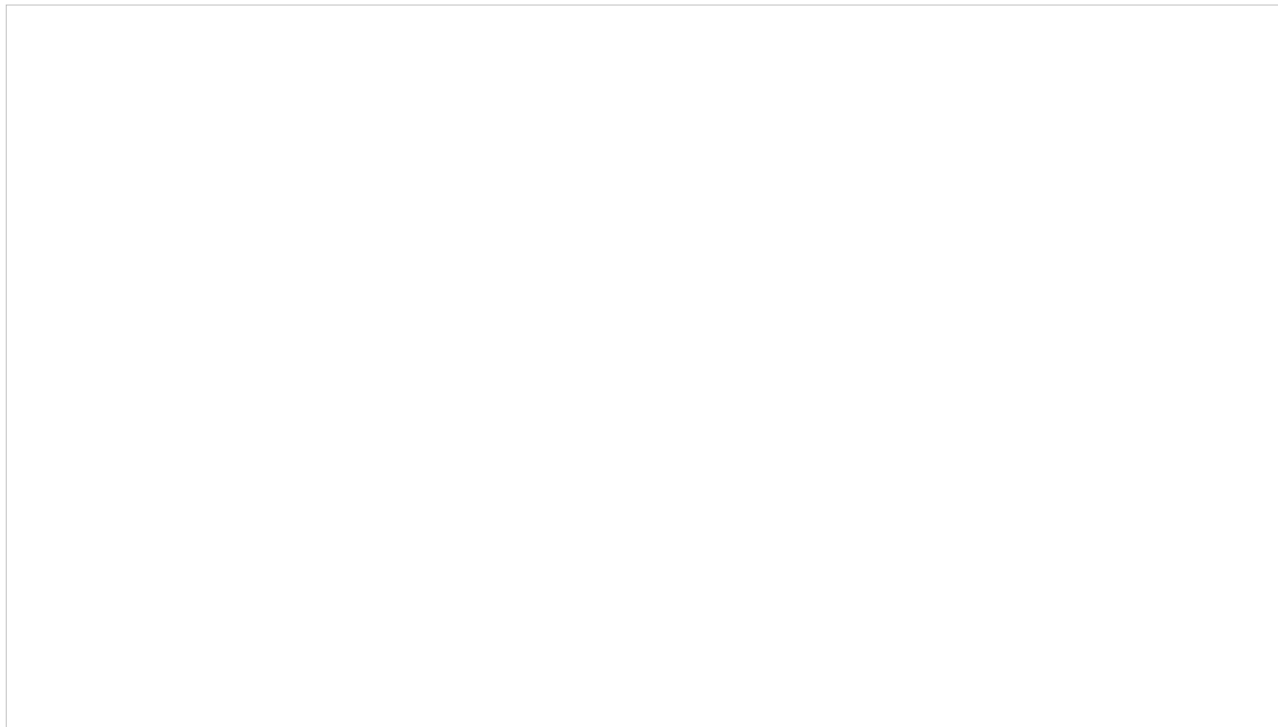


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*NOTE: This post has been updated to correct the record on the presence of media at the hearing AND to move Alan King from Arkansas to Alabama. Thanks to NPR’s Pam Fessler and another reader for the notes ... I clearly outkicked my coffee this morning – DMCj.*

Yesterday, the new Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (PACEI) held its first meeting. I won’t recap the whole session here – electionline.org has links to several stories, including [this one from NPR](#) – but I did want share three things I heard, and one thing I didn’t, during the meeting because I think they give us an indication of what could be in store:

**“One citizen, one vote.”** The President was a surprise guest at the opening of the meeting, and he spoke for a few minutes about the PACEI and what he hoped it would accomplish. Much of it was familiar, but at one point – as he went through a description of the importance of elections to American life – he used a phrase that puts a twist on a well-known concept in election law: “one citizen, one vote”. That phrase, which echoes the idea of “one person, one vote” from famous redistricting cases, noticeably tightens the more universal idea and signals that non-citizen voting (a favorite topic of many, including PACEI Chair Kris Kobach) is likely to be high on the panel’s list. This was confirmed by the lengthy discussion later in the meeting about obtaining data from the Department of Homeland Security to check state rolls – even though numerous observers point out that DHS is legally restricted from doing so.

**Anecdotes about election misconduct.** There were lots of assertions, backed by anecdotes, during the session about election problems across the nation. But I was somewhat taken aback by the statement of EAC Commissioner Christy McCormick that she had personally witnessed incidents of misconduct at the polls – an assertion on which she did not elaborate and no one else at the meeting followed up. [UPDATE: While media were present, they did not have access to commissioners.] I’ll be interested to hear more about what McCormick – who before the EAC has worked for years with the federal government and others on elections – saw and what if anything happened as a result.

**Alabama’s Alan King puts money on the table.** Probate Judge Alan King of Jefferson County, AL made the case repeatedly for greater investment in election technology – mentioning it in his opening remarks and returning to it again and again during the discussion which followed. While I’m never even mildly optimistic about Congress’ willingness to invest in election administration, I’ll be curious to see if the commissioners will be willing to recommend greater federal support for elections as part of this effort to identify and eliminate voter fraud. As always, bet the under – but I’m still curious.

**ERIC – neither seen nor heard.** Yesterday’s meeting clearly had talking points, the most oft-repeated being that the PACEI has no “preconceived notions or preordained results.” Another was the value of the Interstate Crosscheck run by the State of Kansas – every state represented on the panel is a member of Crosscheck, and several members spoke of its work. But it’s what I didn’t hear that I found interesting: at no point at the meeting did anyone mention, let alone discuss, the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), which has twenty state members (with plans to grow) and is well-regarded for its work both in identifying ineligible registrants as well as eligible but unregistered individuals. The fact that such a high-profile effort to maintain, protect and expand voter rolls, with enthusiastic participation by state

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governments on both sides of the aisle, was conspicuously absent from the discussion (in a way that suggests it was deliberate) is odd at best and troubling at worst.

It seems the PACEI will meet at least four more times, starting again as soon as September. Many of us in the election community will be watching to see how yesterday's session – with everything that was and wasn't said – set the stage for what's next. Stay tuned ...

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*Some indeterminate portion of you received an old edition this morning for some reason, so I'm resending to you all.*

## **VICTORY IN DEFEAT:**

Director Christopher Nolan was in Washington Wednesday evening, speaking to a group of us who had the opportunity to see an advanced IMAX screening of his new film, Dunkirk. He confessed to waiting to make this film after having it in his head for ages, stemming from a trip he took with friends across from England to Dunkirk on what he described as the coldest day of his life. It was a trek that was supposed to take eight hours, but turned into sixteen – and they did not have the experience of U-Boats and the Luftwaffe.

Asked by Jake Tapper what he was trying to communicate beyond the story of the spirit of these men and those who rescued them, Nolan offered up the idea that we live in an age marked by perhaps too much individualism and too little appreciation for what free people can do as a community. And beyond that? "That there is victory even in defeat." And that finding this victory can be an even more compelling story than prevailing when things go your way.

It is a very Nolan war film. What is most remarkable about it – and what I would think can only be truly appreciated on the IMAX level – is the way it presents an incredible diversity of points of view, even using the sweeping IMAX cameras. The film divides between the land, sea, and air, between a week, a day, and an hour. In the sea, it is claustrophobic, full of darkness and drowned men. In the air, it provides a soaring series of dogfights where quick bursts of fire rip across the sky, and where clouds and sun are your only camouflage.

There is little to no CGI – they used physical effects, inspired by old school war film methods. And the tick tick tick of the tension still works, even for a story familiar to many (though, unsurprisingly, not many of the media members in attendance). Here's more on that history. <http://vlt.tc/2xqf> "The Second World War began quickly in the East, as German forces smashed through Polish defenses. In the West, the story was different. British, French, and Belgian troops stared across the lines at their fascist counterparts in an eight-month standoff that came to be known as the "Phoney War." In May 1940, that ended as the Germans unleashed their blitzkrieg upon the western powers.

"The German attack sent the allied forces reeling as an invasion of the Low Countries coupled with a devastating assault through the Ardennes ripped holes in the defensive lines, making the fall of Paris, and all France, not only possible but imminent. The British Expeditionary Force (BEF) was not the focus of the attack, but found themselves in headlong retreat nonetheless so as to avoid encirclement and capture by the Germans.

"The Phoney War was over, replaced with a terrifying fight for survival. After British plans for a counterattack were abandoned as impracticable, the strategy shifted from defeating the enemy to avoiding complete annihilation of the British Army. "Survival," one soldier is quoted as saying, "was the main object in everybody's mind."

"As Levine notes, director Christopher Nolan reflects this shift in the film by barely showing German soldiers at all, focusing instead on the confusion on the beaches as hundreds of thousands of allied troops were forced to retreat within an ever-shrinking perimeter of



relative safety. For those who leave the movie wishing for more information about the enemy's movements and the political maneuverings behind the lines, the book is a good resource in filling in those gaps."

Asked for his inspiration, Nolan said he was most inspired by *The Wages of Fear*, the incredibly suspenseful 1953 French film about transporting trucks full of nitroglycerine through mountain passes. The language of suspense is visual, so dialogue is spare. This is a story about a thing that happened, but it also one of resolve in the face of what seems impossible. For a filmmaker who has already told us more than one incredible story, this is one of his best.

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## THE ECONOMY:

Exxon Mobil fined for violating sanctions on Russia under Tillerson. <http://vlt.tc/2xq6> More on the Treasury Dept. fines. <http://vlt.tc/2xpm> Exxon is suing back, saying the Obama admin had blessed its Russian deals in 2014. <http://vlt.tc/2xpr> "Global oil and gas giant ExxonMobil sued the U.S. government on Thursday, claiming that newly issued fines against the company for alleged Russian sanctions violations directly contradict guidance given to it by the Obama administration in 2014. ExxonMobil's suit was filed shortly after the Trump administration announced that it planned to levy a 2 million dollar fine against the energy company for allegedly doing business with Igor Sechin, a Russian national who was blacklisted by the U.S. Treasury Department in April of 2014. ExxonMobil argues in legal filings, however, that its 2014 deals with Rosneft, the Russian government-owned oil company, were explicitly blessed by the Obama administration at the time, and that Sechin's involvement with Rosneft was deemed immaterial by U.S. officials. Multiple White House statements on the matter, for example, explicitly stated that the 2014 sanctions were targeted only at the personal assets of blacklisted individuals like Sechin and not the government-owned businesses they managed."

The stock market still believes in Trump. <http://vlt.tc/2xqo> "The consensus among Wall Street analysts seems to be that some sort of tax bill eventually will emerge from Capitol Hill, but that it will entail simple tax cuts, rather than comprehensive tax reform, according to CNBC. The failure of Senate Republicans to agree on a health care bill is taken by many as an indicator that the rest of the Trump agenda is likely to stall in Congress, CNBC adds. On the other hand, House members will be desperate to show some achievements when they face voters next year, and that increases the odds of at least some sort of tax bill gaining passage, per analysts cited by CNBC."

To Fix Our Societal Ills, We Need To Focus On More Than Handouts. <http://vlt.tc/2xqd> "The Left asserts that poor, disenfranchised Americans without class privilege or wealth need help from the federal government. Without that assistance, the poor don't have even the initial supports they need to overcome the struggles they face. There is certainly some truth to that. But the factors generally ignored in our discussions of material wellbeing are social and cultural wellbeing—factors even harder to replace when they aren't there, but even harder to build true flourishing without. If it "takes a village" to raise a child or help a family survive, what happens when the village falls apart? If children do best in two-parent households, what happens when divorce, single-parenting, and cohabitation make these households an ever-less-likely reality?"

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Given that the path to getting Mike Lee's support (and that of the Freedom Caucus in the House) seems obvious – a restoration of two risk pools under the original CFA as proposed – the holdup for advancing the not even pining for the fjords health care legislation is a collection of moderates with vague demands about Medicaid. Cue CMS's Seema Verma,

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former right hand to Mitch Daniels and Mike Pence in Indiana: <http://vlt.tc/2xqr> "Ms. Verma has recently become ubiquitous on Capitol Hill, meeting with wavering senators one-on-one, speaking to groups of Republicans and citing her experience as an Indiana state official to argue the GOP proposals can work. The Medicaid plan that is being advanced by some Republicans and Ms. Verma would use funds from the Affordable Care Act's taxes to cut out-of-pocket costs for people who are forced to leave Medicaid due to cutbacks in the Republican bill."

All told, Senate leaders have plenty of money to play with to win over moderates assuming they maintain Obamacare's taxes. <http://vlt.tc/2xoy> They will be undoing the AHCA's approach – making it more tax bill than health care bill – but will it be enough given how terribly the CBO continues to score this legislation? The latest score says that despite spending 70 billion dollars more, BCRA will lead to 22 million more uninsured with 420 billion in deficit reduction. <http://vlt.tc/2xpw> But just keep in mind how strong the CBO thinks the individual mandate is: they believe that without it, millions of people currently on Medicaid will take the active step of withdrawing from the program. No one outside of the CBO really believes that.

### **MUELLER RUNNING FAR AFIELD OF ELECTION INTERFERENCE:**

I went on NPR right after the announcement of the Mueller probe, and was assured by their host and the other guest, an attorney at Brookings, that the probe would be laser-focused on the issue of Russian interference in the election and the personal involvement of the Trump campaign in such interference. I was assured my concerns that a special counsel tends to quickly jump the guardrails and range far afield of their original task were silly and had no likelihood of happening.

Cut to: Mueller reportedly eyes business transactions. <http://vlt.tc/2xow> "The U.S. special counsel investigating possible ties between the Donald Trump campaign and Russia in last year's election is examining a broad range of transactions involving Trump's businesses as well as those of his associates, according to a person familiar with the probe.

"FBI investigators and others are looking at Russian purchases of apartments in Trump buildings, Trump's involvement in a controversial SoHo development in New York with Russian associates, the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow and Trump's sale of a Florida mansion to a Russian oligarch in 2008, the person said.

"The investigation also has absorbed a money-laundering probe begun by federal prosecutors in New York into Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

"John Dowd, one of Trump's lawyers, said on Thursday that he was unaware of the inquiry into Trump's businesses by the two-months-old investigation and considered it beyond the scope of what Special Counsel Robert Mueller should be examining.

"Those transactions are in my view well beyond the mandate of the Special counsel; are unrelated to the election of 2016 or any alleged collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia and most importantly, are well beyond any Statute of Limitation imposed by the United States Code," he wrote in an email."

Well I think we can see where this is going. I'm not saying he will, but in the worst case scenario for Republicans, if you don't think Trump will fire Mueller and pardon everyone, you're very silly.

### **GOVERNMENT DOESN'T THINK COUPLE IS SMART ENOUGH TO PARENT:**

The government thinks this couple isn't smart enough to be parents, so it took their kids away. <http://vlt.tc/2xpa> "Eric Ziegler, 38, didn't do a good enough job teaching his son Christopher to wash his hands after going to the bathroom. So the State of Oregon put the boy in foster care.



"That's not the only reason the government intervened. But a lengthy story by Samantha Swindler in The Oregonian doesn't shy away from the awful, outrage-inducing truth: The state has taken a couple's children away not because they're abusing or neglecting the kids but because it thinks the parents aren't smart enough to raise them properly.

"Ziegler and his partner, Amy Fabbrini, both have below-average IQs—72 and 66, respectively—according to documents provided to The Oregonian. After Christopher was born in 2013, other family members (most significantly, Fabbrini's father, who has a troubled relationship with her) started warning the state's child welfare agency that there were problems.

"When the state Department of Human Services began investigating, it found no signs of abuse. But they did find representations of the struggles and frustrations of people with learning disabilities attempting to be parents: 'In reports of concerns about the couple's parenting skills, a MountainStar [a nonprofit Oregon group devoted to helping prevent child abuse] worker recalled having to prompt them to have Christopher wash his hands after using the toilet and to apply sunscreen to all of his skin rather than just his face. Fabbrini and Ziegler's attorneys argue these weren't sufficient reasons to keep them from their son.'

"This year the couple had a second son, Hunter. The state also took custody of him. This time they didn't even wait to see how they'd behave as parents: Fabbrini was still in the hospital when they took the boy." More on this awful story. <http://vlt.tc/2xpu>

### **STAY WOKE ON CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE:**

I share the view that this Jeff Sessions move on civil asset forfeiture is awful. <http://vlt.tc/2xmi> But let's remember where this came from: civil asset forfeiture skyrocketed under Obama and Eric Holder. <http://vlt.tc/2xpl> "Sessions's order opening up the gates received well-deserved condemnation from libertarians and conservatives yesterday (see here, here, here, for example). Libertarians and conservatives are long-time critics of the program that allows governments to seize property without even feinting toward due process. However, the issue never generated much anger among liberals during the Obama administration.... Liberals did condemn Sessions yesterday, though their voice would have been more valuable during the Obama era when civil asset forfeiture skyrocketed."

### **AMERICANS SURPRISINGLY HAPPY:**

Never felt better. <http://vlt.tc/2xq0> "A new Rasmussen Reports survey said that 74 percent of adults rate their life as good or excellent, the highest level of satisfaction ever recorded by the pollster. That's up from 61 percent in 2010 and 67 percent in 2014. And just 5 percent rate their life as poor. Most of those surveyed said that the first 40 years of life were the best. But it was unmarried adults who were more positive about their lives."

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Trump's surprisingly strong start with India. <http://vlt.tc/2xp7>

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Rosenstein casts shade on Comey's leak of memos on Trump talks. <http://vlt.tc/2xp8>

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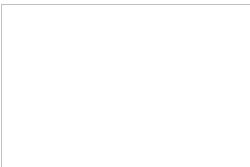
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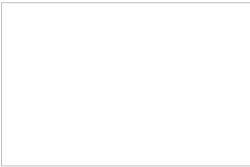
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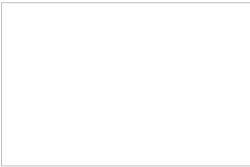
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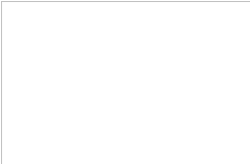
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I'm sure that all of you are aware of the contentiousness over the appointed 'Election Integrity Commission' stemming from the White House. The League of Women Voters' main focus is and has always been Voting Rights for everyone! Every Leaguer since the formation of the League has fought against VOTER SUPPRESSION. With that in mind, I thought I'd share with you 'Talking Points' that have come from our National Organization. Please read carefully and be ready to stand up for ALL AMERICANS to have the right to vote.

Yours in League,  
Charlotte Nycklemoe  
LWVCC Co-President



## **LWV Talking Points: Pence-Kobach/ So-Called 'Election Integrity' Commission July 2017**

### **Discredit the Commission as a group that is laying the groundwork to roll back voting access:**

- This Commission is laying the groundwork for potential voter suppression by the wrongful removal of eligible voters, including Black, Hispanic, elderly, and student voters, from the rolls.
- This is part of a wider effort to suppress the vote, keep certain politicians in power, and undermine our elections by spreading falsehoods about our election system.
- Secretary Kobach has a long record of discriminatory and regressive actions on voting rights.
- Mr. Kobach has a history of unrepentant attempts to suppress voting has led to thousands of voters being wrongly removed from the rolls and barred from exercising their democratic right.
- Mr. Kobach has been brought to court - and lost - several times for suppressing the constitutional rights of citizens to vote in his home state of Kansas.
- Most recently, Mr. Kobach was fined by a federal magistrate judge for "patently misleading representations to the court."
- Commission members' views on elections are well known and members have already been discredited as political ideologues with dangerous agendas.
- This Commission is not interested in facts, but rather false accusations in order to implement dangerous election policy
- This Commission intends to use its "findings" and recommendations to legitimize policies that are known to prevent eligible voters from having a voice in our elections.



- The cost to voters (literally and figuratively), is far greater than anything there is to gain from collecting this data.

**Express concern over the request for voter information as a legal violation of privacy:**

- Mr. Kobach's request for sensitive voter roll data, including the names, addresses, dates of birth, political party affiliation, past voter history, and even partial social security numbers of registered voters is a dangerous violation of privacy and the League has serious questions about the legality of releasing this personal information.
- These requests come from an individual who has no interest in free and fair elections, with a recording of preventing eligible citizens from participating in our democracy.
- The sham Commission's request for voter data should be alarming to any American who values privacy, security, or integrity of our elections.
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- Dozens of Secretaries of State agree with the League and have said publicly they will not comply with Mr. Kobach's request to turn over sensitive voter information.
- Maintaining accurate voter rolls to ensure eligible citizens can participate is a necessary goal but this Commission has neither the expertise, resources, nor a history of honesty and integrity to ensure the process is conducted in a transparent, secure, and fair manner.
- In [STATE], Secretary of State [NAME] has [denied OR agreed to OR is still considering] Mr. Kobach's request for voter information. The League of [City/State] [applauds this decision to protect voters OR urges him/her to reconsider/deny this request and defend the privacy of American voters.]

**Pivot to talking about the real voting issues and the solutions that your League is working on:**

- The REAL problems with our election system are the polling place closures, cuts to early voting, onerous voter ID laws and the illegal purge of registered voters.
- 2016 was the first presidential election without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act.
- Without the protections of the Voting Rights Act, some state governments have:
  - o created lists of people to remove from the voter rolls
  - o made severe cuts to early voting hours in targeted areas
  - o strictly limited what qualifies as a "valid" ID
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# Match Game: MIT Researchers Look at PACEI's Voter Roll Matching Plans

By **Doug Chapin** July 28, 2017

The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, having fought off an injunction in federal court, is once again asking states for voter roll data to assist in its efforts. But a new piece in the Washington Post's Monkey Cage blog by Mayya Komisarchik and Stephen Pettigrew, two researchers at MIT's Election Data and Science Lab (MEDSL), suggests that the Commission's plans for that data may result in vastly-over inflated numbers of duplicate registrations:

*Did Vice President Pence commit voter fraud?*

*You might think so, if you looked at voter registration data that includes only each voter's name and birth year. Mike Pence registered to vote eight times and cast seven ballots across six states in the November 2016 election.*

*But you would be wrong. Each of these registration records belongs to a different person. Their only crime is that they share their name and were born in the same year as the vice president.*

*The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, led by the vice president, has gotten considerable attention for requesting voter registration information (including names, birthdays and Social Security numbers) from each state.*

*Presumably, the commission will use the names and birthdays in these lists to identify potential duplicate registration records between states. That's the method used by the Interstate Crosscheck Program pioneered by Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a co-chair of the commission, which helps states identify voters who have moved to a new state by flagging potential duplicate registration records. In 2012, Crosscheck identified more than 1.4 million potential duplicate registrations.*

*Recent academic work, however, found that for every 200 registrations flagged using Crosscheck's methodology, at least 199 were false matches in which the middle names or Social Security numbers did not line up. That's one-half of one percent.*

*And the advisory commission will have considerably less information than is made available to Crosscheck. Twenty-two states have refused to comply with the commission's request. Seventeen other states, such as Colorado, have said that they will provide only the publicly available voter information and omit confidential information like Social Security numbers or month and day of birth. Even more challenging for the commission will be states that only indicate the ages of voters in 10- or 20-year bins.*



## ***Here's how we did our research.***

*We tried to assess how much higher the rate of false positives would be if the commission used this limited data to perform a Crosscheck-style match. To do this, we used a commercial data set of the voter registration records for the whole country. We used this file to construct a data set in which we know there are exactly zero duplicates because, by construction, each registration record is a unique combination of the voter's first and last name, and birth day, month, and year.*

*We then used this data set of over 150 million registered voters and compared it to itself — but missing at least one column of data — to evaluate what false match rates we'd get with incomplete information, as we explain below.*

*As you can see, even when we know that there are no true duplicates in the data, each time we eliminate one more bit of information from our matchup, the rate of false “duplicates” that we find rises dramatically.*

## ***There's probably another one of you out there somewhere.***

*If we choose a registered voter at random, there is a 13.6 percent chance that she will be erroneously matched to at least one other voter somewhere in the country who shares her full name, birth month and birth year. In states that only provide data about birth years (but not months and days), this probability jumps to 36.2 percent. For states that only indicate a voters' decade of birth, the probability of a duplicate for any given voter is 58.6 percent.*

*As you can also see in the table, there is a high chance of matching a voter to more than 10 other unique voters. One out of every 100 registered voters has at least 10 namesakes born in the same month and year. Similarly, there is a one in three chance that at least 10 people with your first and last name were born in the same decade as you.*

*These probabilities may seem high, but they reflect a real overlap in voter names and birthdays. In our data, we find 1.02 million voters who share just 100 common first and last name combinations. And 4,333 name combinations are shared by at least 1,000 people each.*

## ***How many people could possibly have the same name?***

*Consider the 12,553 registered voters named “Maria Rodriguez,” the 17<sup>th</sup> most common name in our data. Although each has a unique birthday, every Maria Rodriguez born between 1918 and 1999 shares a name and birth year with at least one registered voter. Applying Crosscheck's methodology of duplicate registration identification could*



*cause all 12,553 people with this name to be flagged as a possible duplicate, even though exactly zero are.*

*Had we performed these searches using each voter's name and full birthday, we would have concluded that there were zero duplicate records in our data set. But working with registration records that lack essential details, as the commission might, could cause us to draw wildly inaccurate conclusions about the potential for voter fraud.*

*This could create headaches for the 143 registered voters between the ages of 20 and 79 who go by the name Mike Pence.*

Thanks to Mayya and Stephen and everyone at MEDSL for their work in this area; set aside the (considerable!) partisan sentiment at play, and you start to see why states are concerned about the prospect of PACEI using their data to do these kinds of matches. It will certainly be interesting to see how many states do end up sending data to the Commission – and what data they send – but articles like this go a long way toward explaining why the community (and the Commission) should be very careful about drawing conclusions from whatever analysis emerges as a result.



















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 Non-citizens voting the newest 'civil right'

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Voting is considered a privilege that comes with American citizenship but there is a movement to give that privilege to non-citizens.

New York City and San Francisco have given non-citizens the franchise - at least in some local elections. Six local governments in Maryland also allow resident aliens to vote, and College Park wants to be the seventh - with one additional twist, according to Bob Popper of Judicial Watch<[http://www.judicialwatch.org/?source=68&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_campaign=11-06-2014\\_Judicial-31268\\_google&utm\\_content=Judicial-31268](http://www.judicialwatch.org/?source=68&utm_medium=text&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=11-06-2014_Judicial-31268_google&utm_content=Judicial-31268)>.

"What they propose to do is particularly problematic," Popper says of College Park, "because they would not make any distinction between legal and not-legally present non-citizens."

College Park, a city of 32,000 in Prince George's County, would allow citizens 28 days before the election to register to vote, and non-citizens can register to vote within 14 days of the election.

It is illegal for non-citizens to vote in federal elections, and states can say they can't vote in statewide contests either, but it's actually not illegal for cities or counties to allow the practice.

The argument is that residents who have kids in local schools and pay local taxes should be allowed to vote on the government bodies that affect their lives.

But that's not how it's supposed to work, Popper insists, because there is the "fundamental question of equity," he says.



"People who are the citizens of this country," he says, "people who will have to pay any income taxes to support what happens, people who don't have another country where they can leave to as citizens, those people have a different relationship to the country than non-citizens."

He also stresses the additional security and organization to keep separate ballots for citizens and non-citizens, increasing the odds that the latter can vote by accident - or by design - in national elections.



























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Oh no Jennifer! I need no explanation. There is no doubt in my mind you have 'trued' the vote. I passed on the article merely as insight into California's massive voter fraud. It is mind boggling to think of what goes on.

I remain your biggest fan,  
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**Sent:** Sunday, August 06, 2017 1:20 PM EDT

**To:** Gayle Thawley <marco203@aol.com>

**Subject:** Re: Judicial Watch Warns California: 11 Counties Have More Voters than Voting-Age Citizens

Thanks so much and keep the info coming!

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> On Aug 6, 2017, at 11:52 AM, Gayle Thawley <marco203@aol.com> wrote:

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> Oh no Jennifer! I need no explanation. There is no doubt in my mind you have 'trued' the vote. I passed on the article merely as insight into California's massive voter fraud. It is mind boggling to think of what goes on.

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> I remain your biggest fan,

> :) Gayle

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>> On Aug 6, 2017, at 11:25 AM, EdwardsJennifer <JenniferEdwards@colliergov.net> wrote:

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>> This happens when elections administrators do not do mandated list maintenance. Florida statute mandates we do specific mailings in odd-numbered years to ensure the integrity of our voter registration roles. It is a due process that inactivates voters who have not voted in the last two general elections. Other steps follow in future years for identified voters. I will be glad to go into more detail if you have additional questions.

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>> Thanks for your continued interest.

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**Collier County Legislative Delegation**

**October 19, 2017**

**Time: 9:00am until Completion of Agenda**

**Recess from 11:30am-2:00pm**

**Invocation**

**Pledge**

- 1. Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Local Bill Presentation- Laura Donaldson**
- 2. Greater Naples Fire Rescue District- Chief Kingman Schuldt**
- 3. Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida- Mike Ellis, Chief Executive Officer**
- 4. Collier County Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Penny Taylor**
- 5. Collier County Public Schools- Tom Conrecode, Executive Director of Support Services**
- 6. Collier County School Board, Chairman Roy Terry**
- 7. Children's Network of Southwest Florida- Naderah Salim, Chief Executive Officer**
- 8. Hodges University- Dr. Donald Wortham, President**
- 9. Florida SouthWestern State College- Dr. Robert Jones, Collier Campus**
- 10. Florida Citizen's Alliance- Dr. Joseph Doyle**
- 11. Ms. Louise Penta**
- 12. Lee Health- Michael Nachev, Director of Government Relations**
- 13. Collier County Supervisor of Elections- Jennifer Edwards, Supervisor of Elections**
- 14. City of Marco Island**
- 15. Good Wheels- Alan Mandel, Chief Executive Officer**
- 16. Central Florida Behavioral Health Network- Linda McKinnon, Chief Executive Officer**



- 17. Healthy Start of Southwest Florida- Cathy Timuta, Executive Director**
- 18. David Lawrence Center- Scott Burgess, Chief Executive Officer**
- 19. Economic Incubators, Inc- Dr. Marshall Goodman**
- 20. Naples Pathway Coalition- Beth Brainard, Executive Director**
- 21. Women's Foundation of Southwest Florida- Brenda Tate, Director**
- 22. Senior Friendship Centers- Erin McLeod**
- 23. Florida Gulf Coast University- Dr. Mike Martin, President**
- 24. Florida Gulf Coast University Student Government- Bradley Berry, Director of Government Relations**
- 25. League of Women Voters- Charlotte Nycklemoe**
- 26. American Civil Rights Union- Jan Tyler**
- 27. Collier County Education Association- Mike Huffman**
- 28. Florida Alliance of YMCAs- John Trombetta, Chief Executive Officer**
- 29. Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Marisa Carrozzo**
- 30. Friends of the Fakahatchee, Tom Maisch**
- 31. Florida Campaign for Criminal Justice- Janet Hoffman**
- 32. Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce- Michael Dalby, President and Chief Executive Officer**
- 33. Public Comment-** all speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes unless extended by the Chair.



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Sure, this is Florida Playbook, but we have to kick off this Monday morning by talking, ever-so-briefly, about the [unrest](#) in Charlottesville, Va. It's a defining moment for President Donald Trump's legacy on race relations. And since the Charlottesville protest revolved around plans to remove a [statue](#) of Robert E. Lee, there will be at least one more protest when the monument is removed. Meanwhile, this year, Florida cities and counties have grappled with calls to remove Confederate vestiges in [Tampa](#), [Hollywood](#), [Bradenton](#), [Orlando](#) and, again, Lee County ...

**FREE SPEECH. WITH A COST - "Charlottesville demonstration leader may speak on UF campus," by POLITICO Florida's Daniel Ducassi:** White nationalist Richard Spencer, a leader of [Saturday's deadly "Unite the Right" demonstration in Virginia](#), may speak at the University of Florida next month, according to an email sent by UF president Kent Fuchs. In an email to the university community, Fuchs said the organization Spencer heads, the National Policy Institute, has "reached out to the university to reserve space for a speaking event" on Sept. 12. "This organization is unaffiliated with the university," Fuchs wrote, "and no student groups or other groups affiliated with the university are sponsoring this speech. This event is not finalized and it is still under discussion." [Read more](#)

**CIVIL WAR WAR - "Charlottesville reignites Lee NAACP fight for removal of Confederate symbols in Fort Myers," by News-Press' Melissa Montoya:** "The images from the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that ended in upheaval and death Saturday led James Muwakkil to a Robert E. Lee statue in Fort Myers. Muwakkil, the president of the NAACP in Lee County, placed an American flag at the statue on Monroe Street. It was his way, he said, to remind others that America is for everyone. The Charlottesville rally also reignited Muwakkil's resolve to have the statue and the portrait of Lee removed from public places in Lee County, which is named for the Confederate general ... Muwakkil has previously attempted to change a Lee portrait hanging in county commission chambers but failed. He didn't want the general to be depicted in his Confederate uniform. He said he has learned since then and plans to address Fort Myers city officials and the county commission about the issue in the fall." [Read more](#)

**'RALLY TO REGISTER' -** Despite its reputation of seldom grabbing an opportunity, Florida's Democratic Party seized on the Charlottesville news to announce a "Rally to Register" voters on Saturday, August 19th. Normally, it's tough to register voters a non-election year August in Florida. Press [release here](#)

**FLORIDA MAN -** Somehow, of the few arrests made in Charlottesville, one of them happened to be a Florida man, James O'Brien of Gainesville. And the charge is even odder: a concealed-weapons permit violation - in a city that had a protest with open-carry demonstrators. As O'Brien explained in a Facebook message, it turns out it was a coincidence. He said he was busted long after the rally because he was breaking into his car after losing his keys. He was civilly cited. His explanation can be found on my [Twitter page here](#).

**WHY NOT? - "White nationalists find hero in Augustus Invictus, killer of goats," by Tampa Bay Times' Michael Van Sickler:** [Read more](#)

**GHOSTS OF THE CONFEDERACY -EVERYONE BUT TRUMP -** Trump's stubborn refusal to even say white supremacy [stood out](#) all the more when Florida's two highest profile Republicans had little trouble with it

**-@FLGovScott:** "Praying for officers in Charlottesville. Disgusted by white supremacists/evil/bigotry in VA".

**-@marcorubio:** "Very important for the nation to hear @potus describe events in #Charlottesville for what they are, a terror attack by #whitesupremacists."

**- "Mike Sweets brings medical marijuana link into FBI probe," by Tallahassee Democrat's Jeffrey Schweers:** [Read more](#)

**SPY VS. SPY - "Venezuelan leader may have launched Rubio assassination plot," by POLITICO's Marc Caputo:** "As Marco Rubio helped ratchet up U.S. pressure on Venezuela, a top politician believed to control that country's security forces began actively discussing a plot to kill the Florida senator last month and may have wanted to use Mexican nationals for the assassination plot, according to a Department of Homeland Security memo sent to state and local law enforcement. The alleged threats from the Venezuelan politician, Diosdado Cabello Rondon, were not specific and weren't corroborated by enough sources to merit a detailed explanation, according to the memo, but the situation was worrying enough to prompt Capitol Police and law enforcement in Miami-Dade County to provide security for Rubio ... "In some unspecified manner, CABELLO RONDON's problems involved U.S. Senator Marco Rubio," said the memo, obtained by POLITICO, which is not releasing information that could endanger Rubio, his family or confidential law enforcement methods or sources." [Read more](#)

**- "Venezuelan government uses Trump's threat to boost anti-American sentiment," by The Washington Post's**  
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**CANADA BOUND - "For Haitians in U.S., the road to refuge runs straight to Canada - and arrest," by Miami Herald's Jacqueline Charles:** "While U.S. President Donald Trump is clamping down on illegal immigration, thousands of migrants from Haiti, Central America and Africa are rushing to this border crossing in upstate New York, willing to face arrest in their pursuit of a better life. The popular stop near the border station at Lacolle, Quebec, is quickly becoming a path to a new life for immigrants - and something of a tourist attraction. The migrant surge has overwhelmed Canadian officials who, after opening Olympic Stadium in Montreal to asylum seekers, this week reopened a shuttered hospital to accommodate the growing numbers and deployed the military to construct a tent city near the official border crossing at St. Bernard-de-Lacolle. By Saturday, 32 Army-green tents, each with the capacity to hold 16 people, had already been constructed, and soldiers planned to put up 13 more before day's end for the refugees who have decided that getting arrested with an uncertain future in Canada is better than risking deportation under Trump." [Read more](#)

**SMACK CRACKDOWN - 'Opioid crisis declaration welcomed in Florida,' by USA Today's Ledyard King:** In Florida "deaths from that family of drugs soared 21 percent in 2015. A formal declaration of a public health emergency - or a presidential emergency declaration - gives the administration additional powers to waive health regulations, pay for treatment programs and make overdose-reversing drugs more widely available. Opioids include heroin but also prescription drugs like oxycodone and hydrocodone. Overdoses attributed to these drugs claim an average of 142 lives a day, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2015, 7,293 Floridians died from opioids, a 21 percent increase from 2014, when 6,011 died, according to the Florida Medical Examiners Association. Statistics for 2016 have yet to come out." [Read more](#)

**CHEAP IMPORTS - "Job seekers urge Trump to hire American at Mar-a-Lago," by Washington Post's Lori Rozsa** "If President Trump's Florida clubs wanted to hire U.S. workers, there were many willing to sign up at an event here this past week where other luxury properties got in touch with the local workforce in search of employees. But Trump's company did not participate in the event, which drew more than 300 job seekers. Mar-a-Lago and the Trump National Golf Club in nearby Jupiter are instead engaged in a process to fill more than 70 jobs with foreign workers. The president's properties are among the 30 in Palm Beach County that use the H-2B visa program, which allows U.S. companies to hire foreign workers if they can prove that they can't find Americans to do the jobs." [Read more](#)

... PENINSULA AND BEYOND ...

**JACK THE RIPPER - "Jack Latvala files for Florida governor, becoming latest Tampa Bay contender," by The Tampa Bay Times' Adam C. Smith:** "State Sen. Jack Latvala, the gruff, longtime force in Tampa Bay and Tallahassee politics, on Friday filed campaign papers to run for governor in 2018 setting the stage for a Tampa Bay-centric battle for the future of Florida's GOP. Latvala, 65, is the sort of pragmatic, give-and-take Republican legislator who has fallen out of favor with much of the base lately, but allies insist he is underestimated in a potentially crowded Republican field dominated by career politicians." [Read more](#)

**OVERHYPE UNIVERSITY - "Few students enroll in \$10,000 college degree programs," by the Sun Sentinel's Scott Travis:** "It sounded like a great deal: Get a four-year college degree for the low price of \$10,000. But nearly five years after the state's community colleges agreed to offer these discounted degrees at the request of Gov. Rick Scott, few students in South Florida have benefited. Just two students have participated from Palm Beach State College - and only one graduated. Fifteen Broward College students have been enrolled and four have graduated so far. Miami Dade College has 180 students pursuing a \$10,000 degree, but the program hasn't been around long enough to have graduates yet, a spokesman said. Comparable state numbers were not available." [Read more](#)

**WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET - "South Florida wages are rising fast. But are we really better off?" by Miami Herald's Nancy Dahlberg:** "The latest government data tells us that wages are rising fast in the Miami metro area, solidly leading the nation's 15 biggest metro areas. But don't pop the champagne cork just yet. What that wage increase means to the paycheck of the worker in the middle is about an extra \$1,300 a year, or \$25 a week. That will pay a few more bills, but our economy still lags other urban areas. That's because the Miami area's median wage, the point where half the working population earns more and half earns less, comes in dead last among the 15 largest metros, trailing some by more than \$20,000 a year. In the 12-month period ending in June, wages and salaries in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach area increased 3.9 percent, while total compensation that includes benefits was up 3.7 percent, leaving 14 metro areas, including San Francisco, New York and Houston, in its dust, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Employment Cost Index released July 28." [Read more](#)

**SNIPES UNDER FIRE - "Fix Broward's voter rolls the right way," by the Sun Sentinel Editorial Board:** "In the lawsuit against Broward County Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes, neither side has a strong case. The plaintiffs' case, though, is weaker. The American Civil Rights Union (ACRU), a conservative group formed as a counterweight to the left-leaning American Civil Liberties Union, alleges that Snipes has failed to maintain accurate voter rolls as required under the 1993 National Voter Registration Act. When presented with inaccuracies, the ACRU claims, Snipes has not acted. Snipes presents an inviting target. As the Sun Sentinel Editorial Board noted last year when endorsing her opponent in the Democratic primary, she has become 'disconnected' from the daily work of the office after 13 years. During testimony in the federal trial that ended nearly two weeks ago, some of her answers on how her office checks the rolls were vague." [Read more](#)

**BLACK FISH - "Facing identity crisis and slumping profits, can SeaWorld rebuild?" by The Tampa Bay Times' Sharon Kennedy Wynne:** "Built on Shamu's image, it will have no killer whales in a few decades. The public is losing its

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taste for performing animals. Just as the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus saw already dwindling crowds disappear after it got rid of performing elephants, SeaWorld's shift has yet to shore up needed goodwill. Tuesday, the company reported a second-quarter loss of \$175.9 million. **SeaWorld's stock has fallen 28 percent since the beginning of the year.**" [Read more](#)

**SCAM CAMS - "Jacksonville is getting rid of the city's red-light cameras," by AP:** "The Florida Times-Union reports that Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams announced the decision at a City Council meeting on Thursday. Statistics kept since Jacksonville installed the cameras in 2012 at 26 intersections have not shown that they reduced crashes. Statewide, crashes actually increased at intersections with cameras. City officials also expected to make \$1.5 million in annual revenue from the cameras, but they generated just \$82,000 in 2012. Fines increased in later years, but those were offset by other costs." [Read more](#)

**MOLE HUNT - "A city chases its mystery critics. Finding them might not be easy," by Miami Herald's Lance Dixon:** "While Coral Gables has gone to court seeking information from Facebook and Instagram about the people who posted a misleading video about the city's police department, legal experts say getting the information could be difficult. There's still not a lot of case history in similar situations - someone trying to get at the identities behind a social media post - but law professors say that the issue comes down to balancing free speech and anonymity with the potential damage of having users make false statements that could go viral." [Read more](#)

**BIG FISH - "Goliath grouper on the menu? FWC considers opening up a limited season for the first time in nearly 30 years," by News-Press' Chad Gillis:** "Anglers may soon get their chance to take home one of the great leviathans of the sea: the Goliath grouper. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is considering opening up a limited Goliath grouper season for the first time in nearly 30 years." [Read more](#)

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**NO RIGHT TO BARE ARMS (AND THE REST) - "Oakland Park stripped of nude dance clubs after 30 years," by the Sun Sentinel's Brittany Wallman:** "The city of Oakland Park has emerged victorious from its 30-year battle against strip clubs, forcing them out and potentially replacing them with development that's more family friendly: a Caribbean restaurant and a rental community. The small city's legal clash with two clubs - Solid Gold and Pure Platinum - on Federal Highway just north of Oakland Park Boulevard came to a quiet close this year. The city won decisively in federal appeals court in March, and the now-consolidated clubs shut down and moved to Pompano Beach in mid-June. And a week ago, a developer completed the purchase of the old Pure Platinum property. The city of 40,000 is trying to change its image, the mayor said, and is pleased the Solid Gold/Pure Platinum chapter has closed." [Read more](#)

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## JEMELE HILL'S BOLD STAND AGAINST WHITE SUPREMACY:

Last night ESPN's 6 PM Sportscenter host Jemele Hill chose the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 to go off on the fitness of Donald Trump's white supremacy in a series of tweets responding to randos on the internet. <http://vlt.tc/302b> "Donald Trump is a white supremacist who has largely surrounded himself w/ other white supremacists. Trump is the most ignorant offensive president of my lifetime. His rise is a direct result of white supremacy. Period. The height of white privilege is to be able to ignore his white supremacy because it's of no threat to you. Well, it's a threat to me. Donald Trump is a bigot. Glad you could live with voting for him. I couldn't, because I care about more than just myself. He is unqualified and unfit to be president. He is not a leader. And if he were not white, he never would have been elected." You can see the full roster of tweets here. <http://vlt.tc/302c> Apparently it was inspired by an argument about Kid Rock, connected to a protest of his performance at the Red Wings new arena. <http://vlt.tc/302d> Surely that will stop him.

I asked Jemele to show her work and name the white supremacists Trump's surrounded himself with. <http://vlt.tc/302a> She didn't answer – but her followers did, citing Steve Bannon, Seb Gorka, Stephen Miller, Jeff Sessions, Kris Kobach, and the Trump family themselves. So that's two guys who are gone, the top Jewish staffer working in the White House, a former Republican Senator, a former Republican Secretary of State in Kansas, and a family of wealthy lifelong New York Democrats. That's your indication of deep-seated white supremacy at the White House? These are the guys in white hoods carrying torches? And how exactly are they a threat to you?

For those of you who don't know who Hill is, she stars as one half of the primetime version of ESPN's marquee product. She's also a perfect example of the real reason ESPN's original programming is sucking wind: she's a really lousy television host, having nothing to do with her politics. The SC6 branded show is not a good one, in part because you have two co-hosts who both are more serious and overly sincere than they are charismatic or quick with the snark. You don't have the classic goofy/straight pairing, and they lack the tension of two co-hosts who disagree constantly. Neither is a particularly good interviewer, nor have they shown the ability to offer insight on sports that is deep, funny, or entertaining. The show is reduced to two fairly boring people sitting at a cramped table full of papers and laptops on a set that looks unchanged for the past twenty years talking about sports with less insight than a pair at the end of the neighborhood bar. Television is a visual medium, and visually, SC6 looks like local TV.

Stepping back from the ESPN issue, what Hill's comments really indicate is how low the bar of qualification for white supremacy has become. Ben Shapiro, the conservative California radio host and author, has been planning to speak at Berkeley of late. The Anti-Defamation League noted Shapiro as being the leading recipient of anti-Semitic memes on Twitter during the past election, and he has been a leading critic of Donald Trump and the Alt-Right. But that hasn't stopped leftists at Berkeley from describing him as a "white supremacist". <http://vlt.tc/301q> "Refuse Fascism, a group that has previously organized violent demonstrations in Berkeley, labeled Shapiro a "fascist thug" and "white supremacist" over the weekend. "Fascist thug [and] white supremacist Ben Shapiro is coming to UC Berkeley — The issue is not 'Free Speech,'" the group wrote in a Facebook post. "The Issue is Fascism." The post linked to a Refuse Fascism statement declaring that "Campuses must become FASCIST-FREE ZONES."



By preventing a Jewish conservative Trump critic from speaking? Okay then. But there really isn't all that much difference between what the Antifa folks at Berkeley are saying, what Ta-Nehisi Coates was saying about Trump and the whiteness amulet, and what Hill is saying now: if you support anything associated with Donald Trump, you are backing white supremacy and are no different than the tiki torch marchers of Charlottesville. It's of a piece with the definitions of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which comes across in this surprisingly well-done interview. <http://vlt.tc/301a> When everything's a hate group, dialogue becomes impossible.

Once the left wrapped itself fully in identity politics and convinced itself that America is inherently a white supremacist nation, patriotism and traditionalist ideas become indistinguishable from white supremacy. They are all of the same bitter origin and can have no redemption. And this view only serves to feed the tribalism of the current moment, and make it more permanent and ingrained in our society.

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Finding America's lost 3% growth. <http://vlt.tc/301d> "By waiving work requirements for welfare, lowering food-stamp eligibility requirements and easing standards for disability payments, Mr. Obama's policies disincentivized work. Disability rolls have expanded 18.6% during the current recovery, compared with a 16% decline during the Reagan recovery. The CBO estimates ObamaCare alone will reduce work hours by 2% and eliminate 2.5 million jobs by 2024. At the current 1% growth in the civilian population above the age of 16, a mere reversion to the pre-Obama labor-force participation rates would supply more than enough workers to generate a 3% growth rate."

0.04 percent of cars sold in the past seven months in China were electric; now they want to make them mandatory. <http://vlt.tc/2zzy> "Warren Buffett-backed BYD led the pack in sales in the first seven months of this year, delivering 46,855 electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles, according to the China Passenger Car Association. Beijing Electric Vehicle, the EV division of state-owned BAIC Motor, followed with 36,084 units. In comparison, General Motors has sold 738 cars run on electricity since it launched the Velite 5 plug-in hybrid model at the Shanghai auto show this April. That is 0.04 percent of its 2.1 million vehicles sold in total in China during the seven months. Besides subsidies that also are aimed at meeting the strategic goal of cutting expensive oil imports, the government plans to require automakers to earn enough credits or buy them from competitors with a surplus under a new cap-and-trade program for fuel economy and emissions."

How Kirkland signature became one of Costco's biggest success stories. <http://vlt.tc/2zz4> "At Costco, negotiating for a spot in stores is a complex dance. Brands fight for space at the retailer's cavernous warehouses, which on average carry only 3,800 products. The typical supercenter sells over 100,000. Adding to the pressure, Costco often introduces a new Kirkland product when its buyers or executives believe a brand isn't selling at the lowest possible price. Today, Costco's nut aisle is almost entirely made up of Kirkland Signature products, including single-serving packages sold in boxes of 30, bags of almonds and nut clusters. Over a decade ago, what was formerly called Kraft Foods lost spots for its Back to Nature fruit-and-nut mix single-serving packages and several varieties of Planters nuts, said a person familiar with the change."

## THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR WITH NORTH KOREA:

Evan Osnos. <http://vlt.tc/2zzn> "The broadcast showed photographs of Kim Jong Un in a dark pin-striped suit, surrounded by military men in uniform. The announcer reported that the missile unit had been tasked with preparing to strike the Pacific Ocean near Guam. Another

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photograph showed Kim beside a screen bearing a satellite image of Andersen Air Force Base, in Guam. The announcer quoted Kim as saying that he “would watch a little more of the foolish and stupid conduct of the Yankees” before making his final decision to launch. The segment ended with orchestral music over a video montage of missiles shooting from a launch pad, rockets blazing out of their launchers, and soldiers cheering as fighter jets screamed overhead. I glanced around the room and noticed that the other diners were engrossed in lunch.

“I was confused. “So is he going to launch them or not?” I asked.

“I don’t know,” Pak said. “It depends on whether the United States sends another nuclear asset, like a B-1B, over the Korean Peninsula.”

“Does the U.S. know that’s the determining factor?” I asked.

“We haven’t told them! But they should know, because we said they should not send any further ‘nuclear provocations.’”

“The mentions of war and weaponry were everywhere: on television, on billboards, in the talk of well-rehearsed schoolchildren. When I attended a show at Pyongyang’s Rungna Dolphinarium, in which dolphins flipped and jumped and performed tricks, the finale featured a video montage that included the image of a missile soaring across the sky. I asked Pak what connected dolphins with missiles. He said, “It’s inspiring to the people. We’re going to have everything we want. A dolphinarium. Nuclear weapons. One by one.”

“At lunch, I asked Pak, “If your country would be destroyed in a nuclear exchange, why are you really entertaining the idea?”

“North Korea, he said, is no stranger to devastation: “We’ve been through it twice before. The Korean War and the Arduous March”—the official euphemism for the famine of the mid-nineties. “We can do it a third time.” The argument is embedded in North Koreans’ self-image. They are taught to see themselves as inhabitants of a land shaped by a history of suffering, a sense of hostile encirclement, and a do-or-die insistence on survival.

“But, to state the obvious, I said, risking a premature end to a friendly meal, a nuclear exchange would not be comparable.

“A few thousand would survive,” Pak said. “And the military would say, ‘Who cares? As long as the United States is destroyed, then we are all starting from the same line again.’ ” He added, “A lot of people would die. But not everyone would die.”

## **DEMOCRATS EMBRACE SINGLE-PAYER:**

As their Obamacare solution. <http://vlt.tc/302s> “Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) became the fourth co-sponsor of Sen. Bernie Sanders’s (I-Vt.) “Medicare for all” health-care bill Monday. In doing so, he joined Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Kamala D. Harris (D-Calif.). What do those four senators have in common? Well, they just happen to constitute four of the eight most likely 2020 Democratic presidential nominees, according to the handy list I put out Friday. And another senator in my top 8, Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), last month came out in favor of the idea of “Medicare for all” — though not this specific bill (yet).

“This is about as far from a coincidence as you can get. And it suggests the dam is breaking when it comes to the Democratic Party embracing government-run health care, also known as single-payer.

“There are 48 members of the Democratic caucus in the Senate. That four of the first five to come out in support of Sanders’s bill all came from a relatively small universe of top presidential hopefuls suggests that this will be a litmus test issue in 2020. And any hopeful that doesn’t support it is going to stand out like a sore thumb.”



## SELENA GOMEZ IS RIGHT ABOUT INSTAGRAM:

Gracy Olmstead. <http://vlt.tc/302p> "It's become very popular for people to post diatribes, confessionals, and feel-good stories on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. These quickly become viral fuel for our collective social media fires. We like hearing moving stories; we like feeling close to people. Sometimes, we just really like feeling outraged. Viral vulnerability foments and feeds these desires.

"But how does viral vulnerability serve the actual human beings who are subject of these stories? Their plight, outrage, or snark might result in a highly successful GoFundMe campaign—an effort to stamp out injustice, right wrongs, or support someone who's suffering. But often, the virtually mediated nature of these contacts means that we can't truly help in the way we ought to. In cases of outrage, we don't always receive the whole story. Social media gives us the opportunity to connect, but it fosters weak ties, not strong ones.

"Viral vulnerability, it must be noted, is a curated thing. Gomez's vulnerability is beautiful: replete with soft filters, lovely makeup, and pretty clothes or lingerie. It's not raw, uncensored. And it should not be: there is no reason a young celebrity should expose the deepest parts of her life to 100 million strangers. But when Gomez tells youth that "strength lies in being vulnerable," especially in the context of discussing social media, she is suggesting that they, too, should bare their (carefully curated) souls to a wider world."

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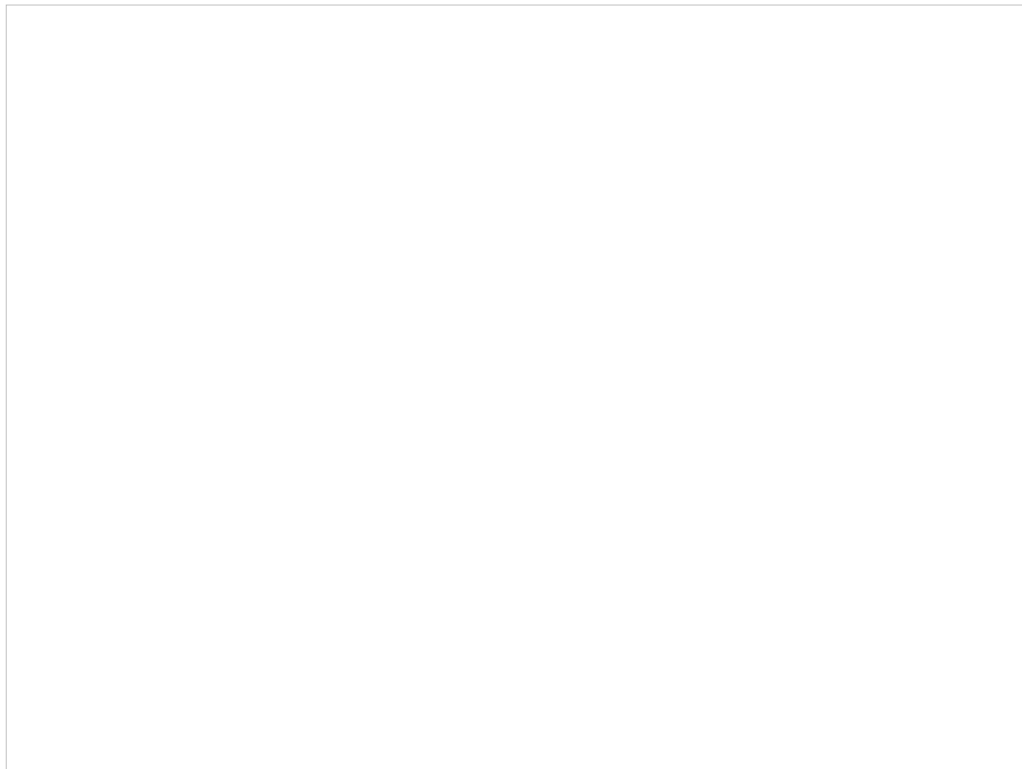


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This morning, the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (PACEI) will convene at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH for its second meeting amid reports that it will consider “background checks” for individuals seeking to register to vote. The Kansas City Star [has more:](#)

*President Donald Trump’s controversial voting commission will weigh a proposal Tuesday about requiring a background check before a person can register to vote — similar to buying a gun.*

*John Lott, the president of the Pennsylvania-based Crime Prevention Research Center, will present the concept when the commission holds its second meeting of the year in New Hampshire.*

*Lott’s PowerPoint, which was posted on the [White House’s website](#) in advance of the meeting, includes a slide titled “How to check if the right people are voting.”*

*He notes that Republicans worry that ineligible people are voting, while Democrats contend “that Republicans are just imagining things.” Lott proposes applying the federal background check system for gun purchases, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, to voter registrations.*

*Lott said in a phone call that the background check system, which was established under President Bill Clinton, checks whether a person is a non-citizen and whether they have a felony conviction among other pieces of information to determine their eligibility to own a gun.*

*He said that these same checks could be made to determine a person’s eligibility to vote because there are “similar rules for whether you can own a gun and whether you can vote.”*

*Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, who serves as [vice chair of the commission](#), did not immediately comment on whether he supports the idea.*

*Kobach, a candidate for Kansas governor, has championed some of the strictest voting laws in the country during his tenure as secretary of state. He has also been an outspoken proponent of loosening gun regulations.*

*Lott, who last year published a book called “The War on Guns: Arming Yourself Against Gun Control Lies,” said that Democrats have praised using background checks for guns and questioned why they would oppose using the same system for voting when it’s already up and running.*

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*"They say it does not impinge on people's right to self-defense... It shouldn't be any harm in their eyes to check whether people are eligible to vote," he said.*

*"It just seems like if they believe what they're saying it seems like a win-win."*

It's hard to know where to start; my initial reaction is that this proposal is much more about tweaking gun control advocates about background checks than it is "election integrity." But as an election policy proposal, it seems like an extremely unwieldy and unnecessarily time-consuming method of verifying voter eligibility – which is already done in many states during online voter registration.

Add in the fact that the agenda includes other presentations with similarly questionable approaches – including one on voter fraud which my friend and colleague Paul Gronke not-very-gently disassembles [here](#) – and it appears the Commission is doing its best to confirm the worst fears of its opponents. The days of the bipartisan PCEA – which, unlike PACEI, sought guidance and testimony from actual election administrators – seem further and further away every day, even as its recommendations continue to be implemented across the nation. I strongly suspect that PACEI's legacy, if any, will fall far shorter.

It could be a long, dispiriting day in Manchester. I wouldn't blame you if you didn't want to "stay tuned."

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<lwwusdevelopment=lww.org@mail.salsalabs.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:08 AM EDT  
**To:** BreaultAlex <AlexBreault@colliergov.net>  
**Subject:** Alex, we need you



Dear Alex,

This is no way to run a democracy!

... Hostile state legislators passing voter suppression laws that **block thousands of eligible voters from the polls** — many from communities that have been traditionally overlooked ...

... Special interests pouring billions of dollars of often unregulated money into our elections ...

... Secretive gerrymandering schemes that rig the system against competitive elections allowing politicians to hand-pick their voters instead of giving voters the chance to choose who represents them.

One by one, the basic building blocks of our democracy are collapsing. And the result is the same every time. Voters like you and me get pushed to the sidelines of our democracy.

**But we don't have to stand for that.**

[That's why I'm inviting you to support the League of Women Voters.](#) With a special gift of just \$35, \$55 or more, you are standing with us in the fight to take our country back from political operatives and help us **stop the widespread disenfranchisement of eligible voters.**

Even as you read this, many of our elected officials are pushing restrictive, unnecessary anti-voter laws that make it harder for communities of color, low-income individuals, the elderly and other underrepresented groups to cast a ballot.

This behavior has been condoned at the highest levels of our government with the creation of the Pence-Kobach sham Commission, which is looking for new ways to purge eligible voters from the rolls!

These attacks, combined with the creeping influence of special interests in our elections and political system, are undermining the democracy we hold dear.

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... registering voters in every state and corner of the country ...

... preserving the right to vote for our nation's most at-risk communities ...

... ensuring that elections are conducted fairly and free of interference ...

... pressing for reforms that take special interest money out of our politics.

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Working together, we can make this nation a better place. [So please don't wait another minute to join us!](#)

Thank you,

Chris Carson

President, League of Women Voters of the United States

P.S. In these troubled times, it can be easy to give in to despair. But supporting the League is a step in the direction of hope. [Let's work together to make a better future for our country!](#)

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:10 AM EDT  
**To:** CarpenterDave <Dave.Carpenter@colliercountyfl.gov>  
**Subject:** Poll: President Trump's U.N. Speech - Your Weekly AMAC Newsletter

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By - John Grimaldi

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### Taxing Social Security Benefits - Ask Rusty

By - Russell Gloor, **AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor**

Dear Rusty: My wife started collecting Social Security at her full retirement age of 66. I am 60 and still working, and I think it is unfair that we must add her this amount she received to to our wages when we file...

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From - *The Daily Signal* - by Hans von Spakovsky

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### Top 5 Picks for Fabulous Fall Travel

From - Collette

Many of us are in the mindset that summer is the best traveling season, but I would encourage you to consider Fall as well. At this time of year, the weather is

## Poll

In President Trump's U.N. speech, he called out Iran, North Korea, and Venezuela for threatening global safety through their rogue regimes. Do you approve of president Trump's speech?

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still lovely, the foliage is beautiful and there are lots of festivals and natural splendor to be enjoyed just about anywhere you choose to go. Here are some of my top picks for Fall travel. Vancouver - Once all of the summer tourists have gone home ...

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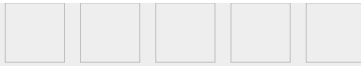
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**To:** Muntz, Trenton <Muntz.Trenton@flsenate.gov>

**CC:** Mummert, Sandra <MUMMERT.SANDRA@flsenate.gov>; Kokkinos, Rebecca <KOKKINOS.BECKY@flsenate.gov>

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Hello,

I have attached a PDF document of the Agenda for the Collier County Legislative Delegation Meeting slated for Thursday, October 19, 2017 at North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Room-A Exhibit Hall, Naples, FL 34109.

Please remember to submit your materials that you would like to be included to the Members' Delegation binders. The deadline for the submission is 12:00 Noon on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have already submitted your material, please disregard this email.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office at (239) 417-6205 with any questions. Thank you again for your participation, and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday, October 19, 2017

Sincerely,

Trenton Muntz

Legislative Assistant

Senator Kathleen Passidomo



**Collier County Legislative Delegation**

**October 19, 2017**

**Time: 9:00am until Completion of Agenda**

**Recess from 11:30am-2:00pm**

**Invocation**

**Pledge**

- 1. Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Local Bill Presentation- Laura Donaldson**
- 2. Greater Naples Fire Rescue District- Chief Kingman Schuldt**
- 3. Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida- Mike Ellis, Chief Executive Officer**
- 4. Collier County Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Penny Taylor**
- 5. Collier County Public Schools- Tom Conrecode, Executive Director of Support Services**
- 6. Collier County School Board, Chairman Roy Terry**
- 7. Children's Network of Southwest Florida- Naderah Salim, Chief Executive Officer**
- 8. Hodges University- Dr. Donald Wortham, President**
- 9. Florida SouthWestern State College- Dr. Robert Jones, Collier Campus**
- 10. Florida Citizen's Alliance- Dr. Joseph Doyle**
- 11. Ms. Louise Penta**
- 12. Lee Health- Michael Nachev, Director of Government Relations**
- 13. Collier County Supervisor of Elections- Jennifer Edwards, Supervisor of Elections**
- 14. City of Marco Island**
- 15. Good Wheels- Alan Mandel, Chief Executive Officer**
- 16. Central Florida Behavioral Health Network- Linda McKinnon, Chief Executive Officer**



- 17. Healthy Start of Southwest Florida- Cathy Timuta, Executive Director**
- 18. David Lawrence Center- Scott Burgess, Chief Executive Officer**
- 19. Economic Incubators, Inc- Dr. Marshall Goodman**
- 20. Naples Pathway Coalition- Beth Brainard, Executive Director**
- 21. Women's Foundation of Southwest Florida- Brenda Tate, Director**
- 22. Senior Friendship Centers- Erin McLeod**
- 23. Florida Gulf Coast University- Dr. Mike Martin, President**
- 24. Florida Gulf Coast University Student Government- Bradley Berry, Director  
of Government Relations**
- 25. League of Women Voters- Charlotte Nycklemoe**
- 26. American Civil Rights Union- Jan Tyler**
- 27. Collier County Education Association- Mike Huffman**
- 28. Florida Alliance of YMCAs- John Trombetta, Chief Executive Officer**
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- 30. Friends of the Fakahatchee, Tom Maisch**
- 31. Florida Campaign for Criminal Justice- Janet Hoffman**
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Interesting. I don't recall ever seeing this letter from Dana! We'll get it posted to the FSASE website shortly. Thanks, Melissa

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Meilissa - Here's the link to the Dana Southerland letter to Secretary Kobach on ERIC that I found on the Orange County website homepage but not FSASE.

<http://www.ocfelections.com/forms/pdf/misc/Hon.%20Kris%20W%20Kobach%20-%20Letter%20in%20Support%20of%20Eric.pdf>

Attached jpg is also from Orange County and shows the email address at the Division for comments on the PACEI.

--Liza

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**New Elections Government Sector Coordinating Council to Help Guide Critical Infrastructure Discussions**

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This weekend, a new Elections Government Sector Coordinating Council was established, giving federal state and local election officials a greater voice in discussions about “critical infrastructure” and the nation’s election systems. Here’s the [release](#) from the EAC:

*During a meeting held [Saturday] in Atlanta, members of the Elections Government Sector Coordinating Council (GCC) were assembled and the group adopted a charter to guide its operations moving forward. The GCC, which will inform how the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) works with state and local jurisdictions to implement its designation of elections systems as part of the nation’s critical infrastructure, includes all U.S. Election Assistance Commissioner (EAC) commissioners. EAC Chairman Matthew Masterson and Vice Chairman Thomas Hicks are voting members, and Commissioner Christy McCormick is an ex-officio member of the GCC. The EAC chair also serves as a representative on the council’s executive committee.*

*“The GCC allows election officials to help shape how the DHS’s election critical infrastructure designation can produce tangible impact at the state and local levels,” said Chairman Masterson. “The EAC’s goal was to establish a sector model that provides timely information sharing and expedited state and local access to security resources. The council’s work must focus on serving the needs of election administrators across the nation and let that principle guide future steps.”*

*Today’s developments are an important milestones in the effort to establish a critical infrastructure subsector that can facilitate timely information sharing and coordination between election officials and the federal government on issues like cyber and physical security of the nation’s election infrastructure. The EAC has played an instrumental role in providing opportunities for state and local election officials, as well as election vendors and other key stakeholders, to interact with the DHS officials charged with leading the critical infrastructure effort. In addition to today’s gathering, the commission has co-hosted three previous*



meetings to lay the groundwork for today's actions. It has also independently hosted other gatherings and meetings throughout the year where stakeholders heard directly from DHS and had the opportunity to pose critical infrastructure questions.

Members of the GCC include:

- *Lori Augino, Director of Elections, Washington*
- *Mary Brady, National Institute of Science and Technology (ex-officio)*
- *Chris H. Chambliss, Elections Director, Clay County, Florida*
- *Judd Choate, Director of Elections, Colorado\**
- *Jim Condos, Secretary of State, Vermont*
- *Edgardo Cortes, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Elections*
- *Bob Giles, Director, Division of Elections, New Jersey*
- *Mark Goins, Coordinator of Elections, Tennessee*
- *Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, Utah*
- *Thomas Hicks, Vice Chairman, U.S. Elections Assistance Commission*
- *Sarah Johnson, City Clerk, Colorado Springs, Colorado*
- *Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters, Orange County, California*
- *Bob Kolasky, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security\**
- *Connie Lawson, Secretary of State, Indiana*
- *Linda Lamone, Administer of Elections, Maryland State Board of Elections*
- *Matthew Masterson, Chairman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission\**
- *Christy McCormick, Commissioner. U.S. Election Assistance Commission (ex-officio)*
- *Denise Merrill, Secretary of State, Connecticut*
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- *David Stafford, Supervisor of Elections, Escambia County, Florida*
- *Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico*
- *Todd Valentine, Co-Executive Director, New York State Board of Elections*
- *Linda von Nessi, Clerk of the Essex County Board of Elections, New Jersey*
- *Mac Warner, Secretary of State, West Virginia*
- *Michael Winn, Director of Elections, Travis County, Texas*

(\*EIS GCC Executive Committee Member)

The GCC structure is a well-established component of DHS's Critical Infrastructure Protection Advisory Council program. More information about this structure can be found in the EAC's report [\*\*Starting Point: U.S. Election Systems as Critical Infrastructure\*\*](#).

Needless to say, this is a tremendous development, bringing election officials formally to the table as decisions are made on how the critical infrastructure designation might affect election systems – and election administration – in the months and years ahead. Congratulations to everyone named to the GCC, and kudos to those who worked so hard behind the scenes to bring election officials into the discussion.

I look forward to seeing and hearing what's next; stay tuned ...

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By Michael Calderone | 10/30/2017 05:42 AM EDT

**THOUGH HILLARY CLINTON LOST THE 2016 ELECTION**, you wouldn't know it from watching the president's media loyalists in anticipation of the first indictment expected today from the Robert Mueller-led investigation into Russian meddling. CNN, which [broke the news](#) Friday night, along with MSNBC, quickly pivoted to this major news development. Fox News, instead, focused on Clinton.

-- **"Let's defund Mueller and his special counsel** and use that money to get people to start releasing [Clinton's] State Department emails," Fox's Jeanine Pirro said shortly after the CNN scoop. "Lock her up," Pirro said of Clinton the next night on air. New York Post columnist Michael Goodwin called for Mueller to resign, echoing the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal, which - like the Post and Fox - is owned by Rupert Murdoch. Former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski said on Fox that what "we should be focusing on are the continued lies of the Clinton administration" (even though there hasn't been a "Clinton administration" for 17 years).

-- **For days, the White House**, bolstered by pro-Trump boosters in the conservative media, [has tried to deflect](#) attention away from ongoing questions about Trump's allies' ties to Russia and shift the conversation toward Clinton. Much of the noise has focused on a 2010 uranium deal covered in the 2015 book *Clinton Cash*. House Republicans even launched a probe into the matter after the pro-Trump media onslaught. Yet, as the Washington Post's Glenn Kessler [wrote](#), "Clinton, by all accounts, did not participate in any discussions regarding the Uranium One sale." And Joy Reid [picked the long-running claims apart](#) Sunday on her MSNBC show.

-- **Such muddying of the waters isn't new** *Clinton Cash* -- some findings from which were covered in April 2015 [by the New York Times](#) -- was written by Peter Schweizer, a Breitbart contributor who is president of the Government Accountability Institute, an organization co-founded by Breitbart chief Steve Bannon that has received millions from the Mercer family, who are also part-owners of Breitbart and Trump backers. I've [written before](#) how the White House, Fox News and pro-Trump media have revisited old *Clinton Cash* claims to deflect from the current Trump-Russia story.

-- **"You saw the Trump White House and the Trump media** really prepping the battlefield to discredit this investigation, possibly even laying the groundwork to fire Bob Mueller," longtime conservative radio host Charlie Sykes said Sunday on CNN. "And that is going to be a real test for Republicans who claim to believe in the rule of law."

**Good morning and welcome to Morning Media.** Like everyone, I'll be watching to see which indictments, if any, are announced today -- and then how the national media and pro-Trump contingent responds. You can reach me at mcalderone@politico.com and [@mlcalderone](#). Daniel Lippman contributed to the newsletter [Archives](#). [Subscribe](#).

**"THE MAKINGS OF A GOP PSEUDO-SCANDAL":** Crooked.com's Brian Beutler highlights Erik Wemple's recent [critique](#) of The Hill's "flimsy" uranium story and the [broader implications](#) for the press. "What makes this uranium pseudo-scandal a perfect case study in how the sticky norms of political journalism are ill-equipped to expose a single party's deep rot of bad faith: Republicans already hoodwinked the political media with the *exact same uranium story* before the presidential election, and everybody knows it," he wrote.

**TUNE-IN:** Laura Ingraham's new Fox News show premieres at 10 p.m. tonight. (I wrote Thursday on [Murdoch toasting](#) the network's new primetime star.)

**TONIGHT AT GEORGETOWN:** "The Shadow of Charlottesville: Free Speech at a Crossroads." Details [here](#).

**REPORTERS BEHIND THE TRUMP DOSSIER:** Axios's Steve LeVine [looks at](#) former Wall Street Journal reporters Glenn Simpson and Peter Fritsch, who are now at investigative firm Fusion GPS. "I have no idea what Simpson and Fritsch charge, but I understand it's [a] lot, and that seems to be driven by the market: They are seriously savvy at finding extremely hard-to-locate - and even more difficult to understand and contextualize - documents and other intelligence on globally powerful people and organizations," he writes.

-- **Fusion pitched their findings to top news organizations** prior to the 2016 election. "Among other separate meetings with reporters," LeVine wrote, "Fusion met for two hours with NYT executive editor Dean Baquet and Matt Purdy, the paper's deputy managing editor in charge of investigations, to brief them on their Russia findings."

**BANNON GOING 'OFF THE CHAIN' ON PAUL SINGER:** The Breitbart News chief told Trump on Friday night he was targeting the billionaire Republican donor [following the news](#) that the Singer-supported Washington Free Beacon paid for anti-Trump research from Fusion GPS, Axios' Jonathan Swan [reports](#).

**NEW REPUBLIC PUBLISHER HAMILTON FISH** is taking a leave of absence pending an investigation into complaints from women, The Times' Sydney Ember [reports](#).



MSNBC - which initially said Halperin won't be on air for a yet-to-be-determined period - will also end his contributor contract, according to a source. The Showtime decision came as [more than a dozen women](#) have now made sexual harassment allegations against the veteran political journalist. Halperin [claimed](#) in an apology Friday night that his behavior changed since leaving ABC News in 2007. The following hour, The Daily Beast [reported](#) on a 2011 incident.

**WEINSTEIN HUSH MONEY BEFORE N.Y. TIMES SCOOP?** The Times Susan Dominus [writes](#): Rose "McGowan, who was working on a memoir called 'Brave,' had spoken privately over the years about a 1997 hotel room encounter with Mr. Weinstein and hinted at it publicly. Through her lawyer, she said, someone close to Mr. Weinstein offered her hush money: \$1 million, in exchange for signing a nondisclosure agreement."

**THE BIG PICTURE:** "Our National Narratives Are Still Being Shaped by Lecherous, Powerful Men," by New York magazine's [Rebecca Traister](#). "We're not only learning about individual trespasses but for the first time getting a view of the matrix in which we've all been living: We see that the men who have had the power to abuse women's bodies and psyches throughout their careers are in many cases also the ones in charge of our political and cultural stories," she writes.

**AT&T BACKS JEFF ZUCKER (FOR NOW, AT LEAST):** Vanity Fair's Joe Pompeo [captures](#) the anxiety at Columbus Circle over what happens to CNN, and, [specifically, network chief Jeff Zucker](#), if AT&T acquires parent-company Time Warner. He reports that Zucker requested that John Stankey, who will oversee Time Warner's media businesses post-acquisition, agree that AT&T would "come out publicly with a show of support once the deal closed."

-- **"We don't comment upon anyone's employment** at a company we don't yet own," Stankey told Pompeo in a statement. "But, as it relates to CNN, it's clearly a great organization, they are having a great year, and Jeff Zucker is doing a terrific job."

**VANITY FAIR SUCCESSION RUMORS:** The Guardian includes The Hollywood Reporter's Janice Min on the shortlist, as have other outlets, but also [adds](#) Tyler Brule, of Monocle and Wallpaper fame, and Ronan Farrow, fresh off his major Weinstein investigation in Conde Nast sibling The New Yorker. CNN's Dylan Byers, who said he's heard names ranging from Min to The Times' Andrew Ross Sorkin and Radhika Jones, [suggests](#) the magazine doesn't "have a clear idea of what they want."

**MUST-READ:** POLITICO's Tim Alberta spent 18 hours on-the-record with the former the previous House Speaker and his friends for ["John Boehner Unchained,"](#) all of which is worth reading. But on the media front, I want to highlight Boehner's candid views of conservative talkers, including Fox's Sean Hannity, and a strange 2012 meeting with the late Roger Ailes.

-- **"I always liked Rush [Limbaugh].** When I went to Palm Beach I would always meet with Rush and we'd go play golf. But you know, who was that right-wing guy, [Mark] Levin? He went really crazy right and got a big audience, and he dragged [Sean] Hannity to the dark side. He dragged Rush to the dark side. And these guys-I used to talk to them all the time. And suddenly they're beating the living shit out of me.' Boehner, seated in his favorite recliner, lights another cigarette. 'I had a conversation with Hannity, probably about the beginning of 2015. I called him and said, 'Listen, you're nuts.' We had this really blunt conversation. Things were better for a few months, and then it got back to being the same-old, same-old. Because I wasn't going to be a right-wing idiot."

-- **Hannity [disputed](#) Boehner's account:** "John were you sober when you said this? That conversation never happened. I'm sorry you are bitter and u failed!"

-- **"I never went to New York without seeing Ailes,"**Boehner also told Alberta. "He and I were friends. But it was the most bizarre meeting I'd ever had. He had black helicopters flying all around his head that morning. It was every conspiracy theory you've ever heard, and I'm throwing cold water on all this bullshit."

**JIMMY KIMMEL TALKS POLITICS** in New York magazine's new [cover story](#), including whether believes he's "alienated everyone on the right" who was watching his late-night show. "I think I've alienated more people than I've brought onboard," Kimmel said. "But what I thought was important was telling the truth. There are certain things I don't understand, and the idea that Americans wouldn't want to take care of each other when they're sick is one of them. The idea that our politicians would let the gun lobby tell them what to do is another."

**FLASH BRIEFING on Facebook, Google Hearings:** Don't have time for full day of testimony? We have you covered. POLITICO and The Information are partnering to offer an insider flash briefing and Q&A for real-time analysis, key takeaways, and the impact that Congressional testimony about Russian involvement in the 2016 Election by executives from Facebook, Google, and Twitter will have. In a conversation hosted by Jessica Lessin, POLITICO's Nancy Scola and The Information's Cory Weinberg will detail how the hearings will impact the Honest Ads Act, take you inside the latest intel about possible connections to the Trump and Clinton campaigns, and outline how these tech giants are responding to Russian propaganda arms like RT. Sign up for the Flash Briefing [here](#) (\$1 trial offer for The Information), and sign up for POLITICO's Morning Tech for all the latest tech news in your inbox each morning [here](#).

**MEET ROB DREHER:** The Washington Post's Karen Heller [writes](#): "Every work by this conservative Christian writer is a literary act of confession, a quest for purpose and a purge of disillusionment. An [influential and prolific blogger](#) for the American Conservative - he averages 1.3 million monthly page views on his blog - Dreher is credited with helping introduce J.D. Vance of 'Hillbilly Elegy' to a larger audience. He founded the 'crunchy con' ideology - another book, back in 2006 - wedding cultural and moral conservatism with an organic, co-op-and-Birkenstock lifestyle."



**THIS SATURDAY:** "Journalism in the Age of Trump." I'll be moderating the plenary session of the New York Press Club Foundation's annual journalism conference, with panelists Alex Burns (New York Times), Katherine Miller (BuzzFeed), and Tim O'Brien (Bloomberg). Full details on the conference [here](#).

**EXTRAS:**

-- POLITICO's Daniel Lippman [talks](#) to Georgetown Politics' "Fly on the Wall" podcast.

-- Roger Stone [threatens](#) to sue Twitter after his account is suspended.

-- Matt Taibbi [has come under fire](#) over boasts about sexual harassing women employees decades ago in Russia, The Chicago Reader reports.

-- The Buffalo News [profiles](#) western New York native Jeff Glor.

**KICKER:** "Your relationship with the New York Times was, for the most part, predicated on this idea that tablets were being handed down to you every morning. And they were very authoritative and omniscient in their voice. All of our relationships with journalism are really changing. The idea of omniscience itself is kind of held in doubt, and it may not have ever existed, that it was more of a conceit. And so 'The Daily' says that journalism is this fast-evolving thing, that the journalists can say what they know and say what they don't know and talk very openly about their process. It creates a lot of transparency that I think people crave right now." -- *"The Daily" host Michael Barbaro* [on Recode Media podcast](#).

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... Secretive gerrymandering schemes that rig the system against competitive elections allowing politicians to hand-pick their voters instead of giving voters the chance to choose who represents them.

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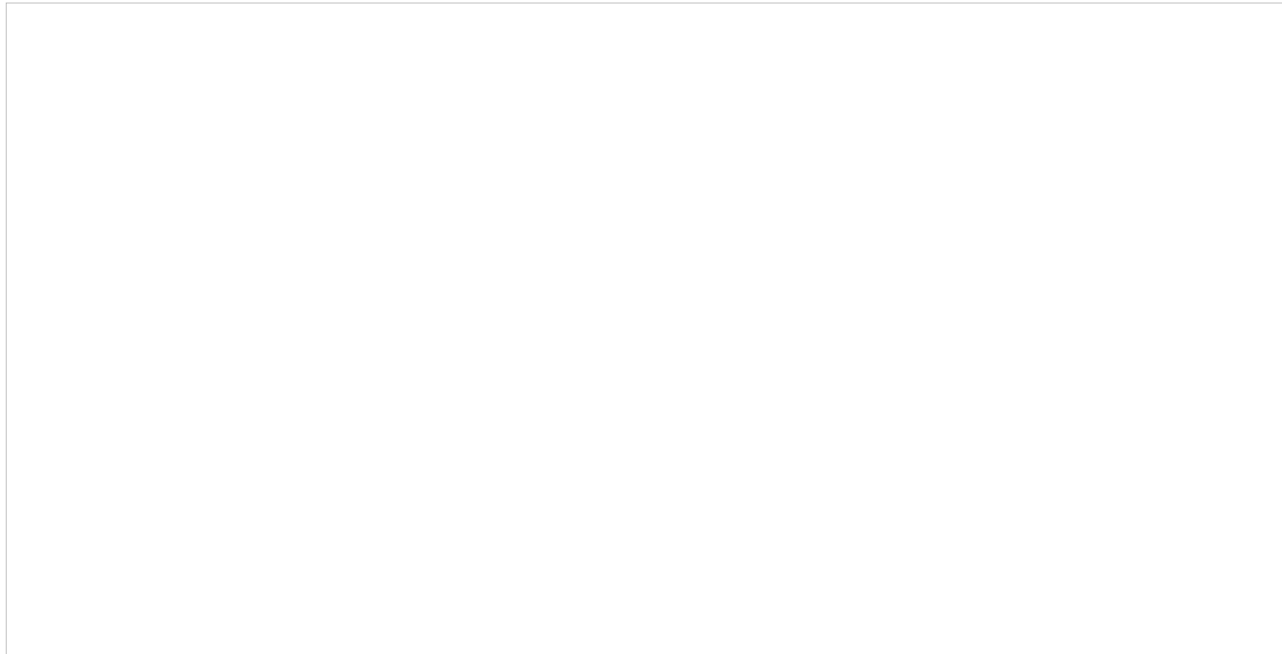


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### EAC 2018 Election Readiness Summit

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Today on Capitol Hill, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is hosting the 2018 Election Readiness Summit bringing together state and local election officials, federal officials and members of the private sector to examine issues associated with the nation's readiness for the 2018 general election. Here's the [agenda](#):

#### 9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks & PANEL 1: Investing in Security – Best Practices in Spending to Secure Election Systems**

- EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks, Moderator
- Secretary of State John Merrill, Alabama
- Joe Rozell, Elections Director, Oakland County, Michigan
- Meagan Wolfe, Administrator of Wisconsin Elections Commission
- Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Washington

10:15 -10:30 a.m. **Remarks from Senators Roy Blunt and Amy Klobuchar** [Chair/Vice Chair of Senate Rules Committee]

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

#### 10:45 a.m.–Noon **PANEL 2: Putting Voters First – Best Practices in Election Administration**

- EAC Vice Chair Christy McCormick, Moderator
- Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections, Okaloosa County, Florida
- Sherry Poland, Director, Hamilton County, OH, Board of Elections
- Secretary of State Mac Warner, West Virginia
- Secretary of State Wayne Williams, Colorado

#### Noon – 12:45 **A Conversation with National Security Experts**

- EAC Vice Chair Christy McCormick, Moderator
- William Evanina, Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center
- Christopher Krebs, Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security
- Secretary of State Jim Condos, Vermont, President of National Association of Secretaries of State



12:45 – 1:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks/Afternoon Preview**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Lunch Break**

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. **Election Vendor Open House & EAC Demonstrations**

**EAC Presentation 1: 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.**

- Risk Limiting and Other Post Election Audits
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  - Ryan Macias, EAC Sr. Election Technology Specialist

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- EAC Testing and Certification Overview
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If you're in town, the event will take place at the **Capitol Visitor Center**; if not, you can follow the meeting via webcast [here](#). It should be a fascinating day – hope you can tune in!

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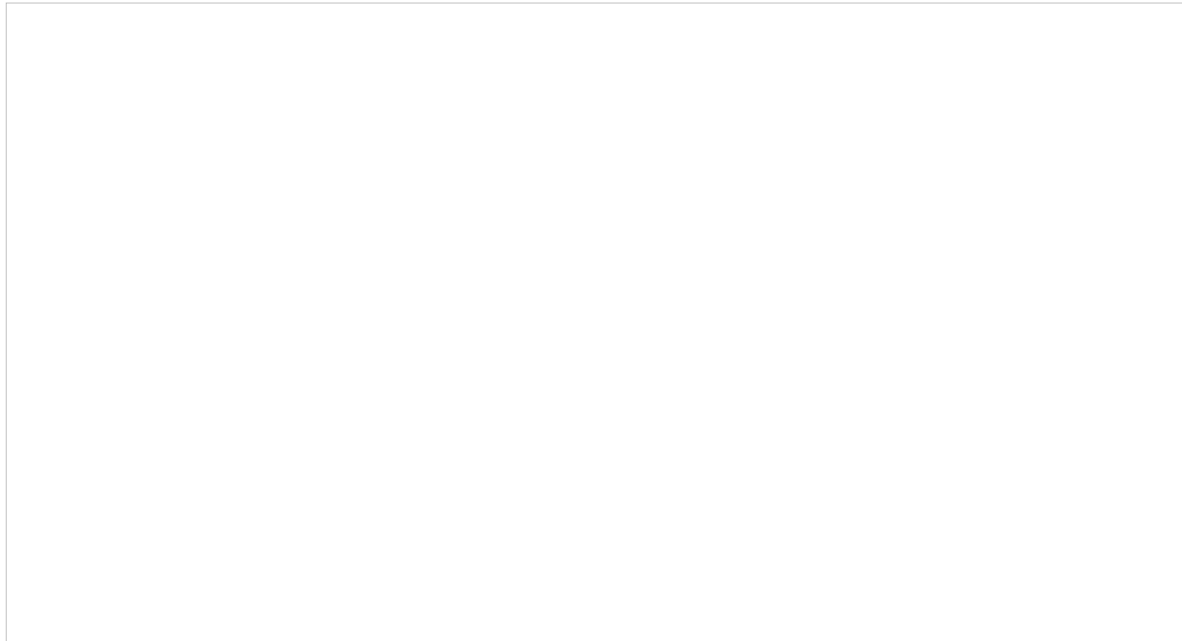
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## Election Academy: Paul Gronke on Public Attitudes Toward Partisanship and Election Official Selection

### Paul Gronke on Public Attitudes Toward Partisanship and Election Official Selection

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Reed College professor Paul Gronke has a new **blog post** at his Early Voting Information Center site examining public attitudes toward the process of choosing election officials and the role partisanship should play. SPOILER ALERT: voters like their election officials, but they're not keen on partisanship. Paul **has more**:

*The governor's race in Georgia involving the current Secretary of State, Brian Kemp, has highlighted a longstanding concern of many in the election law, election science, and election administration community—electing those public officials who oversee and administer elections. Rick Hasen captures the spirit of these concerns in his quote to **Governing magazine**:*

*"It is a problem that we have partisan-elected secretaries of state as the chief election officers," says **Rick Hasen**, a professor of law and political science at the University of California, Irvine."*

*Of course, this issue is magnified by having the chief elections officer running for higher office, simultaneous with sometimes important—and politically fraught—decisions that have to be made about eligibility for the registration rolls, times and places for early voting, allocation of election machines and poll workers, even potentially decisions about recounts (this latter issue is what caused a controversy in the **Republican primary for Kansas governor** involving Secretary of State Kris Kobach).*

*We've been studying voter attitudes about the partisanship of election officials since 2008, and at least as far as the public is concerned, there's really not much of an issue. Less than 1/5th of the public endorses the statement "election officials should be elected by the public, in a partisan contest." About half the public thinks that the election officials should be elected in a [non]partisan contest or appointed.*



*The percentages who endorse an appointive or non-partisan elective method doesn't vary much by party. This is one of the few things that hasn't been caught in the "voting wars" — a plurality of the public thinks that election officials should not themselves be elected.*

*In a **new report** that I co-authored with Natalie Adona of the Democracy Fund, we made a very similar point about trust and confidence in election officials. There, we showed that election officials enjoy a high level of public trust, nearly comparable to the Supreme Court (when we asked in 2008), and well above more "political" institutions like the executive branch and Congress.*

*We also warn, however, that (emphasis added):*

*"Election administrators enjoy higher levels of public trust when compared to officials in other public institutions. State and local election officials should continue to enjoy high public approval **if they are viewed as nonpartisan experts.**"*

*Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, or Independent ... you should be concerned when the integrity of the election system gets caught up in a polarized political environment.*



**Carroll Doherty of the Pew Center** recently argued that, while **American support for democracy remains robust, there are some dark clouds on the horizon.** *If Americans believe that elections are being administered unfairly for partisan motives, these dark clouds can quickly turn into a downpour.*

Thanks to Paul and Natalie for their recent study; in particular, Paul's closing warning is worth heeding. Election officials and their decisions are in the spotlight now as much (or more) than they ever have been – and (in this #electiongeek's humble opinion) it's vital that election officials continue to be seen as a trusted, and trustworthy, community. Whether or not selection method has an impact (what I call "get the job [non]partisanship"), election administrators' conduct of their jobs (or "do the job [non]partisanship") is crucial to maintaining public confidence in the voting process.

I have faith that the election community is up to the task. The next two weeks will bring fierce partisan winds – but experience suggests election officials can (and will) batten the hatches and get the job done. Hang on tight – and stay tuned!

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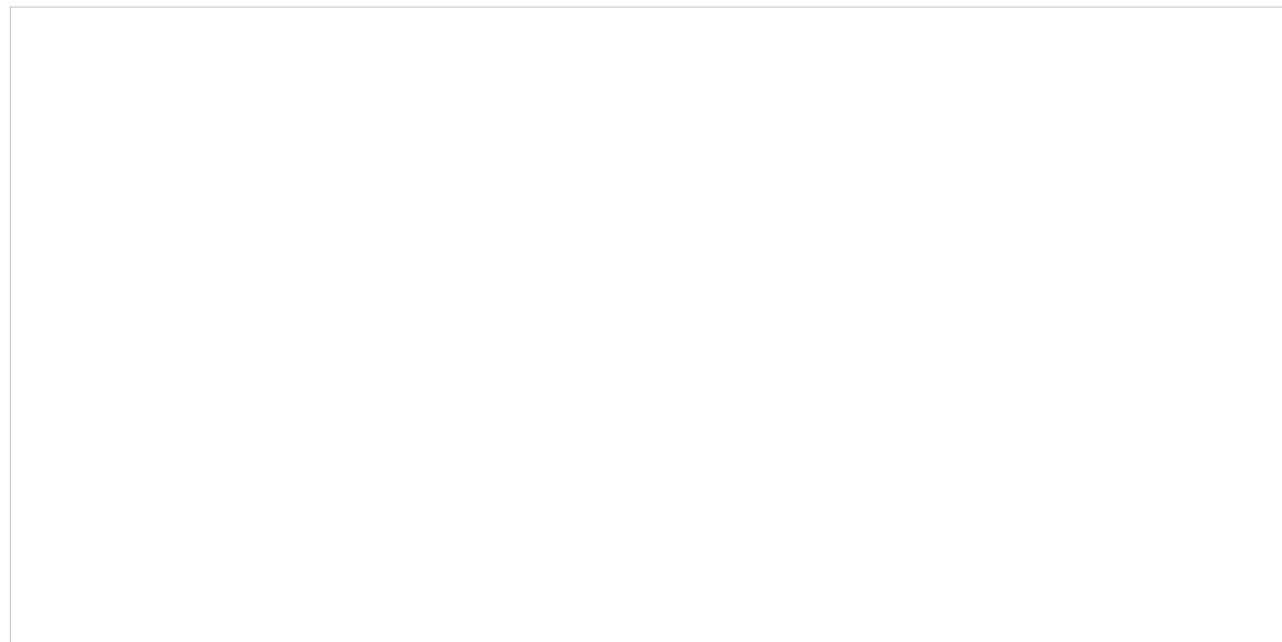


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### Governing Magazine Handicaps SoS Races with Three Weeks to Election Day

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Election Day is three weeks from tomorrow, and while the fight for control of Congress and governorships gets most of the play, Secretary of State races are also important to the nationwide election community. With that in mind, Governing Magazine's Louis Jacobson has released **updated ratings** for the 27 state races in play this fall:

*The battle to control the nation's secretary of state offices is nearing its climax, and the Democrats — already presented with a more favorable playing field in open seats — have incrementally improved their position in recent months.*

*Since our **last round of handicapping in June**, we have shifted our ratings in seven races — six in the Democrats' direction and one in the Republicans'. To prevent Democratic gains, the Republicans will have to ride grassroots enthusiasm, such as what emerged over Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court.*

*Currently, Republicans hold 29 secretary of state offices to the Democrats' 17. Our tally doesn't count Pennsylvania's nonpartisan office or the three states that lack the position altogether — Alaska, Hawaii and Utah. Of the 35 states where voters elect the secretary of state, 27 have contests this fall, including a special election in Louisiana, which we are rating here for the first time...*

#### **Safe Republican**

##### **Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney (R)**

*In this solidly red state, the Republican has the upper hand. Denney is expected to defeat his Democratic opponent, Jill Humble, a nurse.*

##### **South Dakota: Open seat; held by Shantel Krebs (R)**

*The GOP chose State Auditor Steve Barnett as its nominee at the state party convention in June. Despite a surprisingly competitive gubernatorial race, Barnett should win his race handily against rancher Alexandra Frederick in this Republican state.*

##### **Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill (R)**

*Merrill is seen as personable and has traveled widely around the state. He is expected to defeat his little-known Democratic opponent, business consultant and activist Heather Milam, easily in November.*

##### **Wyoming Secretary of State Ed Buchanan (R)**

*Buchanan, a onetime state House speaker, was appointed secretary of state after Republican Ed Murray resigned amid allegations of sexual misconduct. Buchanan should cruise to victory against Democratic state Rep. James Byrd in this deep red state.*



### **Nebraska: Open seat; held by John Gale (R)**

Nebraska is a solidly red state. Therefore, Republican Bob Evnen, an attorney and former member of the state board of education, is expected to defeat his Democratic opponent, Spencer Danner, who has served as director of human rights and relations for the city of Omaha.

### **South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond (R)**

Hammond, who is running for a fifth term, turned back a spirited primary challenge by state Rep. Josh Putnam, who had called on Hammond to resign after his office's failure to affix the state seal to more than 100 pieces of legislation. The state's Republican leanings are probably too strong for that to matter in November, when Hammond faces Army veteran Melvin Whittenburg.

### **North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger (R) (shift from likely Republican)**

Despite some early fireworks, this race has since calmed. It all began when Jaeger, who has held the office since 1992, was defeated at the state GOP convention by businessman Will Gardner. But a little later, it came out that Gardner had pled guilty to disorderly conduct in a 2006 peeping case at a North Dakota State University women's dorm. Gardner withdrew, and Jaeger announced that he would run in the general election as an independent. In this red state, he is the heavy favorite against Democratic state Rep. Josh Boschee.

### **Likely Republican**

### **Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson (R)**

Lawson is seeking her second full term and is a favorite to win reelection against Democratic attorney Jim Harper. While insiders are giving Harper kudos as a candidate, he's not getting much press for his efforts thanks to the U.S. Senate race that's under way. Besides, no Democrat has won the office since 1990.

### **Arkansas: Open seat; held by Mark Martin (R)**

Commissioner of State Lands John Thurston faces Democrat Susan Inman in November. Substantively, Inman is highly qualified, having served as director of elections in the secretary of state's office and as Pulaski County's election director. Still, the GOP's partisan edge in the state makes her bid decidedly uphill.

### **Louisiana Secretary of State R. Kyle Ardoin (R)**

Louisiana has an all-party special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation in April of GOP Secretary of State Tom Schedler amid allegations of sexual misconduct. Ardoin, who was appointed to succeed him, is running against several other current and former Republican state legislators, as well as a Democratic former secretary of state. A winner may not emerge until the Dec. 8 runoff, but down-ballot races in Louisiana have mostly gone Republican in recent years, so it would be a surprise if this contest didn't follow suit.

### **Lean Republican**

### **Arizona: Open seat; held by Michele Reagan (R) (shift from likely Republican)**

Reagan, a first-term incumbent, lost the GOP primary to businessman Steve Gaynor, who faces state Sen. Katie Hobbs in November. Neither candidate is especially well-known in the state, which suggests that whichever party has a better Election Day overall will carry their secretary of state nominee over the finish line. With Republican Gov. Doug Ducey leading in the gubernatorial race, that gives Gaynor the edge going in.

### **Georgia: Open seat; held by Brian Kemp (R)**

Former state Rep. Brad Raffensperger, a Republican, won a runoff and the right to face Democratic former U.S. Rep. John Barrow in the general election. History suggests that the GOP holds the edge, but the presence of Libertarian candidate Smythe Duvall could cost Raffensperger a few points.

Another wild card is whether the gubernatorial candidacy of Democrat Stacey Abrams, an African-American woman, brings a different mix of voters to the polls. For now, we're keeping this contest as lean Republican.

### **Tossup**

### **Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate (R) (shift from lean Republican)**

Deidre DeJear, a former Barack Obama outreach organizer, won the Democratic primary and the right to take on Pate. DeJear has attracted national attention, including support from Obama, who won the state twice. If Iowa Democrats remained more energized than they were in 2016, DeJear could pull off a victory.

### **Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams (R)**

Williams has been reasonably popular, but Democratic attorney and activist Jena Griswold is mounting a credible challenge. This race has attracted little attention statewide, which helps the GOP incumbent, as does the long historical odds: Democrats have not won the office in six decades.

### **Ohio: Open seat; held by Jon Husted (R) (shift from lean Republican)**

This already tight race — between Republican state Sen. Frank LaRose and Democratic state Rep. Kathleen Clyde — has tightened



even more since our last handicapping. Republicans have a history of winning down-ballot statewide races in Ohio, but Clyde has done what she needs to do on the fundraising front. Turnout and the gubernatorial race will help put one of the two candidates over the top in this tossup race.

#### **Kansas: Open seat; held by Kris Kobach (R) (shift from lean Republican)**

Down-ballot races in Kansas are traditionally tough for Democrats, but the 2018 race may prove an exception. GOP state Rep. Scott Schwab handily won a competitive primary and stands as the favorite. Still, Democrat Brian McClendon is putting up a strong challenge. A longtime Google and Uber executive, McClendon has put together a well-funded and professional campaign, relying heavily on social media. With a competitive governor's race and two close congressional contests bringing Democrats to the polls, it's possible that McClendon could succeed Kobach, who presided over eight years of controversy. This contest moves to tossup.

#### **Nevada Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske (R)**

This race will tilt depending on the strength of a possible blue wave. Cegavske is facing Democratic state Assemblyman Nelson Araujo. We're keeping this one in tossup.

#### **Lean Democratic**

#### **Michigan: Open seat; held by Ruth Johnson (R)**

Former Wayne State University Law School Dean Jocelyn Benson faces Republican Mary Treder Lang, an accountant and Eastern Michigan University regent. The campaign has been overshadowed by the gubernatorial race, in which Democrat Gretchen Whitmer has held double-digit leads. That's a plus for Benson, who did the best of all the Democratic statewide candidates in 2010 even though she lost her secretary of state bid by about six points in a terrible Democratic year. Treder Lang is a credible GOP candidate, but Benson has the wind at her back.

#### **Likely Democratic**

#### **Connecticut Secretary of State Denise Merrill (D) (shift from lean Democratic)**

Republicans were hoping that voter angst over outgoing Democratic Gov. Dannel Malloy's two terms would spill over into other statewide contests. But with Democratic gubernatorial nominee Ned Lamont ahead by margins in the high single digits, that scenario looks less likely than before.

What's more, Republican Susan Chapman, a former first selectwoman, has struggled to raise money. We're moving this contest to likely Democratic.

#### **New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D) (shift from lean Democratic)**

Democrats have a strong shot at winning back the governorship this year, and if they do, they should be fine in the secretary of state race. It doesn't hurt that the last Republican to hold the office, Dianna Duran, went to prison on fraud and embezzlement charges.

The Republican challenger is Gavin Clarkson, who has an interesting background — college professor, former Interior Department official, anti-abortion activist and member of the Choctaw Nation. But the race has attracted little attention, and Clarkson is having a hard time getting his message out. This contest moves to likely Democratic.

#### **Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon (D)**

With a full ballot of competitive races in Minnesota this year, this race has struggled to garner attention. John Howe, a former Republican state senator and congressional candidate, is the GOP nominee, but the incumbent, Simon, remains favored to win another term.

#### **Safe Democratic**

#### **Wisconsin Secretary of State Doug LaFollette (D)**

LaFollette, who is running for an 11th term, is an institution. He faces former Menasha Town Supervisor Jay Schroeder in the low-profile general election. Republicans will need to hope that incumbent GOP Gov. Scott Walker's vaunted turnout machine helps carry Schroeder to victory.

#### **Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea (D)**

In 2014, Gorbea was a first-time candidate and an underdog against a well-known, self-financed primary opponent. But she was an energetic campaigner and narrowly won the primary. She went on to win the general election, becoming the first Hispanic elected to statewide office in New England. She ran unopposed in the primary and will face Trump-aligned Republican Pat Cortellessa, who is best known for his two unsuccessful campaigns against the late Providence Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci. The well-financed and popular Gorbea remains the overwhelming favorite.

#### **Massachusetts Secretary of State Bill Galvin (D)**

Boston City Councilman Josh Zakim failed to unseat long-serving incumbent Galvin in the primary. Galvin now faces Republican Anthony Amore, a former federal agent with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Federal Aviation Administration. In this deep blue state in a potentially deep blue election year, Galvin should have no trouble winning another term.



**Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos (D)**

*In this blue state, Condos should easily defeat perennial Republican candidate H. Brooke Paige.*

**California Secretary of State Alex Padilla (D)**

*Padilla, the first Latino to hold the position in California history, is heavily favored to win another term. Republican Mark Meuser, a conservative activist, is advocating for the purging of voter rolls, which won't be popular in deep blue California.*

**Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White (D)**

*White is considered a lock for reelection due to his long tenure in office. He'll face Jason Helland, a little-known prosecutor from a small county.*

As regular readers know, secretaries of state play a huge role in formulation and implementation of election law and policy; for that reason, the outcome of these races will be incredibly important to the short- and long-term future of the community nationwide. As with anything else, late-breaking events could change any of these stories – so stay tuned ...

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# electionline Weekly

October 18, 2018

## In Focus This Week

### The Best Kind of October Surprise: A New electionline

By Stacey Scholl

It might be an understatement to say electionline looks a little different these days; from a newsier [homepage](#) to a new [events page](#), Democracy Fund is improving what we know you love and offering new content to help you better understand what's happening in elections and what's new for administrators.

When Democracy Fund [announced](#) in January 2018 that the website would become a project within the organization, we felt then, as we do now, that electionline is a vital resource for trusted news and information about the people and process that guide our nation's elections. Our goals for redeveloping the site were to enhance its capabilities and expand content—but our long-term plans are to create a place where readers are exposed to new ideas, opportunities for continuing education, and relationship building.

To do this, we started by thinking long and hard about the site's current audience and their needs. Starting now, election administrators, academics, voting advocates and other regular readers of electionline will find new ways to:

- **Keep Up With Election News** – Electionline is still the only place on the internet to find national and state-by-state curation of daily election administration news. Our refreshed '[Daily News](#)' section allows readers to sort stories by date or by state, better enabling those with specific interests to hone in on the most relevant news quickly.
- **Track Election Events** – We know that there are no shortage of election-related events, conferences, and public meetings happening across the country. These convenings are important opportunities to learn, share and refine ideas, and participate in critical conversations about voting and elections administration with advocates, administrators, and officials. Our [sortable list of national and local events](#) now makes it easy to find events you might be interested in. We are experimenting with ways to track and input these events, but event-organizer submission will be one key way we collect this information. If you'd like to share your event with electionline readers, you can [submit it here](#).
- **Stay Informed With Exclusive Analysis** – In addition to continuing to publish the classic electionline Weekly newsletter, we will also start sharing exclusive reports and analysis on elections and voting from leaders and experts in the field. This week, we hope you'll check out a new report on "[Understanding the Voting Experience](#)." Using data collected from 2008-2016 via the Cooperative Congressional Election Study, authors Natalie Adona and Paul Gronke offer new insight into how the public is thinking about the decision to vote or not, their knowledge and application of voter registration requirements, the over all voter experience, and the public's trust and confidence in U.S. elections.
- **Boost Your Skills With New Training & Resources** – Our new '[Training & Resources](#)' page connects readers to organizations, trainings, tools, and more. Now searchable and sortable, these organizations and items are a potential game-changer for election administrators who want to connect with subject-matter experts, get up to speed on things like cybersecurity, or dig deep on a topic like election audits.
- **Find Career Opportunities in Elections Administration** – The election administration community thrives not only when ideas are accessible, but also when opportunities are elevated and cost-savings are passed along.



That is why, over time, we will work to populate and update our new [Jobs & Marketplace](#) landing page, featuring job openings and used equipment available for purchase from across the country. We think of this part of the website as a place to get employed and for resources to be redeployed.

In the process of redeveloping electionline, we received invaluable insight from many friends and partners, and we are grateful to them for their time and thoughtful advice. As we continue to refine the new site, we will continue to leverage our greatest asset: our readers. Please email Mindy at [mmoretti@electionline.org](mailto:mmoretti@electionline.org) with your questions, thoughts, and feedback.

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## Federal-State Updates

Maryland's two Democratic Sens Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, along with Maine's Susan Collins (R) have introduced the [Protect Our Elections Act](#) which would require companies that provide election services to report any foreign national who owns or controls their firm to the secretary of Homeland Security, the Election Assistance Commission and state and local officials. It also would require companies to provide notice of any material change in ownership or control. The bill establishes a \$10,000 fine for failing to do so.

According to NBC News, the Department of Homeland Security says it's working to identify who is behind an [increasing number of attempted cyberattacks](#) on election databases ahead of the midterms.

"We are aware of a growing volume of cyber activity targeting election infrastructure in 2018," the department's Cyber Mission Center said in an intelligence assessment issued last week and obtained by NBC News. "Numerous actors are regularly targeting election infrastructure, likely for different purposes, including to cause disruptive effects, steal sensitive data, and undermine confidence in the election."

The assessment said, according to NBC, the federal government does not know who is behind the attacks, but it said all potential intrusions were either prevented or mitigated.

However, according to *The Hill*, Christopher Krebs, head the National Protection Programs Directorate (NPPD) said [the report isn't quite right](#).

"It's not an uptick in activity," he said according to *The Hill*. Krebs added that state and local election officials have gotten better at sharing information about cyber activities targeting election systems like voter registration databases since the 2016 election, when that kind of information sharing largely wasn't happening.

## Election News This Week

**Counties in the Panhandle and Big Bend area of Florida** that have been devastated by [Hurricane Michael](#) have asked the governor to issue an executive order to that provides greater flexibility to conduct elections. One of the suggestions has been to move to a vote center model for Election Day. Other things that have come up are concerns about mail ballots and how relief workers will be able to cast their ballots. Mark Andersen, supervisor of elections in [Bay County](#), the hardest hit county posted this on Facebook: "On behalf of the Supervisor of Elections office, our thoughts and prayers are with everyone feeling the impacts of Hurricane Michael. Our office has experienced significant damage and our communication lines are still out. Our systems are slowly being restored which require patience and time. I am proud of how tirelessly and quickly the staff have been working to meet the needs of this office and the voters of Bay County. More updates regarding voting sites for the upcoming election will be posted as soon as all polling locations have been assessed." Supervisors of elections from throughout the state are [pitching in to help](#) their colleagues in any way they can including loaning additional cell phones. Despite



the destruction, counties are still moving forward with logic and accuracy tests. The [secretary of state](#) has yet to decide how to handle the situation.

**Social media giant Facebook announced this week** that it will [ban false information about voting requirements](#) and fact-check fake reports of violence or long lines at polling places during this year's midterms. Links to discouraging reports about polling places that may be inflated or misleading will be referred to fact-checkers under the new policy, Facebook said. If then marked as false, the reports will not be removed but will be seen by fewer of the poster's friends.

**Early voting is underway** in parts of the country and localities are reporting strong turnout numbers so far. In [Mecklenburg County, North Carolina](#) the board of elections estimated that more than 10,000 people voted at 19 early voting sites on the first day. It hasn't all been smooth sailing though. In [Cobb County, Georgia](#) voters reported waiting up to three hours to cast ballot. Due to poll worker error, several voters in [Forsyth County, North Carolina](#) received the wrong ballot during early voting. In [Shelby County, Tennessee](#) it was a connectivity issue, according to the county election commission, that delayed voters when polls opened at 11am.

**Whoops!** An initiative of Mayor Bill DiBlasio sent about 400,000 letters to New York City voters telling them that they were inactive and may not be able to vote. Problem is, many of the people who received the letter were [not actually inactive voters](#). "It has come to our attention that a very small group of active voters may have received inaccurate letters from the city identifying them as inactive voters," the mayor's press secretary, Eric F. Phillips, said in a statement. "We're working to get to the bottom of why the mailing list used, which originated with the city Board of Elections, seems to have led to this error." The board of elections however distanced itself from the letter noting that it was sent by the mayor's office using data from a political consultant firm. It cost the city about \$200,000 to send the letters.

**Ballot Problems:** A number of jurisdictions have experienced problems with absentee and vote-by-mail ballots. The Maricopa County, [Arizona](#) clerk and recorder announced that the office will replace any water-damaged ballots after tropical storms brought record-breaking rain and flooding to the area. In [New Jersey](#), about 10,000 vote-by-mail ballots in Middlesex County contained errors in the recipients' addresses. The mistakes prompted concerned calls to the county clerk's office from voters fearful they would be prevented from voting. In Park County, [Wyoming](#), about 1,300 people who had requested absentee ballots got new ones after officials discovered an error. The 100 or so voter who had already cast their ballots were allowed to submit new ones. The [New Hampshire](#) Attorney General's office has identified 126 voters who received incorrect absentee ballots. About 300 voters in Athens-Clarke County, [Georgia](#) are being asked to submit new absentee ballots after it was discovered the ones they submitted contained a race it should not. After complaints about ovals on the ballot, Lucas County, [Ohio](#) is offering new ballots to any voter who has an issue with the ovals. About one-third of Mercer County, [North Dakota's](#) 2,600 mail ballots will have to be recast after it was discovered that an independent candidate for the U.S. House seat was left off the ballot. Voters in Benzie County, [Michigan](#) will be getting their absentee ballots a bit late after a printing delay held them up. Thirty Allen County, [Indiana](#) absentee voters received ballots with candidate lists with no numbers. Yellowstone County, [Montana](#) recently had to reach out to voters in Billings to let them know that they may have received the wrong vote-by-mail ballot. Also in [Montana](#) in Mineral County, officials are trying to figure out how to deal with an error on instructions sent out with about 1,250 absentee ballots.

**Personnel News:** Congratulations to Webster County, Missouri Clerk [Stan Whitehurst](#) who recently received the 2018 Rosemary Plitt Award for Excellence in Election Administration. [Eric Dreiband](#) has been confirmed as the new head of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. [Andy Farrar](#) is the new Coffee County, Tennessee election commissioner. Paddock Lake, Wisconsin Clerk-Treasurer [Emily Uhlenhake](#) will retire on November 30 after 16 years on the job. Waukesha County, Wisconsin Clerk [Kathleen Novack](#) is resigning following the November election. Longtime Floyd County, Georgia elections technicians [Vanessa Waddell and Donna Maldonado](#) are sharing the title of interim clerk.

## Legislative Updates

**Montana:** By an 8-3 vote, the Missoula City Council voted to expand the city's gun-free zones to include all [polling places](#). According to *The Missoulian*, council member Julie Merritt proposed the changes in September as both an



emergency amendment and an update to an existing city ordinance after concerns were raised about open and concealed carrying of weapons in polling places. Weapons aren't allowed in schools, where many polling places are. But there are also voting sites that are not school based.

**Ohio:** The Franklin County commission voted to transfer \$245,000 from the board of elections budget to the county commission's budget to spend it on [public service announcements](#) promoting early voting. The board of elections had previously said they would not spend their own funds on early voting advertising.

**Pennsylvania:** The House State Government Committee held a hearing this week to discuss ongoing [issues with the state's election system](#). In addition to discussion about Russian interference, the committee also discussed the possibility of non-citizen voters.

Also in Pennsylvania, Rep. Eric Roe (R-Chester) has introduced legislation that will allow Pennsylvania to offer [curbside voting](#) for voters with disabilities.

## Legal Updates

**Arkansas:** In a 5-2 decision the Arkansas Supreme Court has upheld the state's [voter ID law](#). "In our view, providing a system of verifying that a person attempting to cast a ballot is registered to vote is relevant and pertinent, or has a close relationship, to an amendment establishing a system of voter registration," the court said.

**Florida:** Late last week U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle turned down the Democrats request to extend the state's voter registration deadline to October 16 for those affected by [Hurricane Michael](#).

**Georgia:** Civil rights groups have filed a federal lawsuit seeking to overturn the state's [exact match](#) law which has stalled approximately 53,000 voter registrations from being processed.

Two lawsuits were filed in federal court this week against the secretary of state's office and Gwinnett County over "excessive rejection" of [absentee ballots](#). According to analysis by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, so far Gwinnett has rejected about 8.5 percent of absentees while the state average is 2 percent.

**Guam:** The government of Guam argued before a Ninth Circuit panel at the University of Hawaii that it is not unlawful to [limit non-native residents from voting](#) on the territory's future political ties with the United States.

**Missouri:** The attorney general's office has filed an appeal and an emergency stay to Cole County Circuit Court Judge Richard Callan's ruling last week that overturned a provision in the state's [voter ID](#) law that requires voters who don't have a photo ID to sign an affidavit.

**New Jersey:** Lizaida Camis, 55, has been indicted on one count of using the mail to promote a [voter fraud](#) scheme and one count of conspiracy to use the mail to promote a voter bribery scheme.

**North Carolina:** A three-judge panel has ruled that changes make to the state's board of elections by the Legislature make [the SBOE unconstitutional](#). In their 2-1 ruling, the judges did say that the board of elections is allowed to continue its work as-is for now in light of the upcoming election.

**Ohio:** A voting rights group has asked the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review a lower court's ruling that concluded a stopgap system to allow [purged voters](#) to vote provisionally was no longer needed.

**Pennsylvania:** President Judge Russel Shurtleff has denied a petition to combine two Falls Township [polling places](#) into one.

**Tennessee:** U.S. District Judge Thomas Parker had denied a request for an order requiring the Shelby County election commission to ask the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to perform [risk and vulnerability assessments](#) on the county's electronic voting system.

**Texas:** According to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Leticia Sanchez, Leticia Sanchez Tepichin, Maria Solis and Laura Parra have been indicted on [30 felony counts of voter fraud](#) including stealing the votes of elderly voters. A



statement from the attorney general's office said the defendants allegedly were paid to target older voters "in a scheme to general a large number of mail ballots and then harvest those ballots for specific candidates.

## Tech Thursday

**Social Media:** It's probably wrong that we love this as much as we do, but according to Teen Vogue, various Twitter users are posting [fake celebrity news](#) headlines and when followers click on the link to read the story it takes the users to [vote.gov](#) so they can register to vote.

**California:** Contra Costa County has launched a social media-based campaign to promot citizens checking and confirming their voter registration. The "CoCoCheck" campaign is based on the idea that sometimes voters change their names or move and in that process, do not update their voter registration. The campaign Is a simple way to direct voters to the tools we offer and hopefully eliminate confusion and voters going to the wrong polling place on Election Day.

Also in California, congratulations to the [California Voter Foundation](#) on the launch of their newly re-designed website.

**Kansas:** Johnson County Election Commissioner Ronnie Metsker announced that [updated software](#) for the county's ballot tabulation system has received certification from both the federal government and the state. "We have exhaustively tested this," Metsker told the *Kansas City Star*. "It will be dazzlingly fast."

**Louisiana:** The state's [multi-million dollar contract](#) with Dominion Voting Systems to replace thousands of voting machines has been canceled after the state's chief procurement found flaws in the vendor selection. "I hereby determine that it is in the best interest of the state to rescind the award made to Dominion Voting Systems," Chief Procurement Officer Paula Tregre wrote in a 17-page decision.

**North Carolina:** The Wake County Board of Elections has created a [YouTube video](#) designed to show voters exactly what happens [behind the scenes](#) before, on and after Election Day. It's a really great, simple look at something that is such a mystery for many voters.

## Opinions This Week

**National Opinions:** [Voter registration](#) | [Voter disenfranchisement](#) | [Election security, II](#) | [Voting system](#) | [Voting rights, II, III](#) | [Voter suppression, II](#) | [Crisis of democracy](#) | [Evolution of voting](#) | [Voting integrity](#)

**Arkansas:** [Secretary of state race](#)

**California:** [Motor Voter, II, III, IV](#) | [Local elections](#) | [Poll workers](#)

**Colorado:** [Larimer County](#)

**Florida:** [Voting rights](#) | [Ex-felon voting rights, II, III](#)

**Georgia:** [Voting rights, II, III](#) | [Voter registration](#) | [Voter fraud](#) | [Brian Kemp](#) | [Exact match](#) |

**Indiana:** [Voting rights](#)

**Iowa:** [Secretary of state race, II](#) | [Voter ID, II](#)

**Kansas:** [Secretary of state race, II](#) | [Kris Kobach](#)

**Louisiana:** [Secretary of state race, II, III](#)

**Maryland:** [Election reform](#)

**Michigan:** [Secretary of state race](#) | [Election reform](#)



**Minnesota:** [Secretary of state race, II](#)

**Missouri:** [Early voting](#)

**Nebraska:** [Secretary of state race](#)

**Nevada:** [Automatic voter registration, II, III](#) | [Election security](#)

**New Jersey:** [Vote-by-mail](#)

**New York:** [Online voting](#) | [Polling places](#)

**North Dakota:** [Voter ID, II](#)

**Ohio:** [Secretary of state race](#)

**Oregon:** [Lane County](#)

**Rhode Island:** [Secretary of state race](#)

**Texas:** [Straight-ticket voting](#) | [Online voter registration](#)

**Virginia:** [Voter registration](#)

**West Virginia:** [Election integrity](#)

## Clearie Awards Deadline Extended!

### EAC Extends Deadline for Third Annual Competition for Best Practices in Election Administration

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has extended the deadline for submissions for its third annual “Clearie” awards, a national competition for best practices in election administration, until Friday, November 30, 2018. This year, the Commission will present awards in the categories of best practices related to voting accessibility, outstanding innovations in elections, and recruiting, training and retaining election workers. All entries must be received no later than Friday, November 30, 2018.

This year, the Clearie awards are dedicated the life and legacy of Wendy Noren and R. Brian Lewis. [Wendy Noren](#) served as Boone County Clerk for over three decades and was a member of the EAC’s Board of Advisors before passing away in July 2018 following a long battle with cancer. R. Brian Lewis served as Counsel to the office of the Senate Majority Leader before his passing and was an early and steadfast proponent of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and election officials. Both were luminaries in the field of election administration who will long be remembered for their work and friendship.

“Election officials are known for their commitment to the values expressed in the EAC Clearie awards: excellence, innovation, maintaining accuracy and integrity in the election process and ensuring all eligible citizens can cast a ballot,” said EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks. “The Clearies are a testament to their work and dedication and highlight best practices other election administrators can emulate.”

This year’s entries will be judged using the following criteria:

- Efficacy
- Innovation
- Sustainability
- Outreach efforts
- Cost-effectiveness
- Replicability



All submissions should be sent to the EAC via an email to [clearinghouse@eac.gov](mailto:clearinghouse@eac.gov). Nominators should use the following subject lines based on entry category: Election Worker Competition, Accessibility Competition or Outstanding Innovations Competition.

All entries must include a brief summary of the election program nominated and attach relevant documents, images and links that can be used to assess the entry. Submissions should also include contact information for the person submitting the program for consideration. Each entry must be submitted in a separate email.

For more information about this year's competition, please contact Patrick Leahy at [pleahy@eac.gov](mailto:pleahy@eac.gov).

## Upcoming Events

[Council of State Governments Annual Conference](#) — The Council of State Government will hold its 2018 National Conference in the Northern Kentucky, Greater Cincinnati area in December. Keynote speakers are J.D. Vance, author of *Hillbilly Elegy* and Story Musgrave who started life in the Marines and finished his public service at NASA where he spent more than 1,200 hours in space. The conference will include a 2.5 hour session on election cybersecurity communications mapping. **Where:** Cincinnati, Ohio. **When:** December 6-8.

[Election Audit Summit](#) — The Election Audit Summit will provide a space for participants from across the scientific, policy and legal worlds to discuss new developments in the field of post-election auditing, and engage in the ongoing conversation on the current status and future directions of the election audits in the United States. **Where:** Cambridge, Massachusetts. **When:** December 7-8.

[International Association of Government Officials](#) — IGO's 2019 mid-winter conference will be held in Irvine, California, January 6-11, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[National Association of State Election Directors](#) — The NASED Winter Conference will be held in Washington DC, February 1-4, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[National Association of Secretaries of State](#) — The NASS Winter Conference will be held in Washington, DC, February 1-4, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[International Association of Government Officials](#) — IGO's 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Houston, Texas, July 11-17. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[National Association of Counties](#) — NACo's 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada July 11-15, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[National Association of State Election Directors](#) — The NASED Summer Conference will be held in Austin, Texas, July 14-16, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

## Job Postings This Week

*electionlineWeekly publishes election administration job postings each week as a free service to our readers. To have your job listed in the newsletter, please send a copy of the job description, including a web link to [mmoretti@electionline.org](mailto:mmoretti@electionline.org). Job postings must be received by 5pm on Wednesday in order to appear in the Thursday newsletter. Listings will run for three weeks or till the deadline listed in the posting.*

[Assistant Inspector General for Audit](#), U.S. Election Assistance Commission — The Assistant Inspector General for Audit (AIGA) directs or conducts performance audits, evaluations, inspections and reviews of EAC programs, functions, and operations. The incumbent maintains personal contact with key senior officials within and outside of EAC, such as management and officials of CIGIE, OMB, GAO, other Federal and state agencies, contractors and educational or research groups. Participates with the IG in developing the annual audit plan; determining the scope of each audit; developing and adjusting audit guides when necessary to meet special or unusual circumstances; and participating in entrance and exit conferences with auditees (city, county, state, and/or EAC officials). The



ALGA supervises the work of subordinates, if any, and monitors the work of contractors. **Salary:** \$119,5897-\$141328. **Deadline:** November 30. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Certification Manager](#) (Denver, CO) – Dominion Voting Systems — Dominion Voting Systems is seeking a Certification Manager to join our team in Denver, CO! This position is a cross-functional leader playing a key role in managing certification efforts for Dominion Voting products. In this role, you will act as a representative of the company with State and Federal certification officials, test labs, and other key internal and external stakeholders throughout the certification process. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Certification Project Manager](#), Hart InterCivic — The Certification Project Manager manages state and federal certification projects of our Hardware and Software products, under the direction of the Certification Program Manager. The Certification Project Manager must be able to exercise sound judgment and interact with regulatory authorities in a professional manner, particularly in high-pressure situations. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Customer Relations Manager](#) (Phoenix, AZ) – Dominion Voting Systems — Dominion Voting Systems is seeking a Customer Relations Manager to join our team in Phoenix, AZ! This position will be responsible for effectively and proactively managing the day-to-day relationship, administration and technical/product support of one or more assigned customer accounts. Additionally, the CRM will serve as project manager for specialized projects such as pre- and postelection day support, new product implementations, and/or product upgrades/updates. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Director of Government Affairs](#), Hart InterCivic — The Hart InterCivic Director of Government Affairs oversees all aspects of support services for Hart's government relations activities for state and federal government entities. These include: identifying and engaging critical stakeholders at the federal, state, and county level, researching and providing consistent and proactive communication of company's regulatory strategy, partnering with key internal cross-functional departments, participating in industry forums ensuring active engagement where most critical, and developing monitoring/measurement tools to provide visibility and transparency. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Elections Program Manager](#), CIS— the Elections Program Manager is assigned to the Elections Infrastructure ISAC (EI-ISAC) at the Center for Internet Security. Reporting to the Director of the EI-ISAC, the Elections Program Manager will partner with other cybersecurity team members to promote the CIS mission and help support our growth. The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a subject matter expert on and represent the EI-ISAC in public forums regarding election infrastructure issues. The Elections Program Manager will work with the EI-ISAC Director to build relationships in the elections community and identify tools, products, and initiatives that meet the security needs of election officials. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Field Sales Director](#), Hart InterCivic — the Field Sales Director works primarily on the road and from a home office when he/she is not on business travel. The Field Sales Director is responsible for creating news sales with prospects and existing clients in a defined region. Today, this role is a single contributor and does not directly manage people. This position will report to the VP of Sales. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Full Stack Architect / Senior Software Engineer](#), Clear Ballot— Clear Ballot is looking for an accomplished, Boston MA based Architect/Senior Software Engineer who wants to bring their technical and leadership skills to bear on a hugely consequential problem: Bringing transparency to democratic elections. The successful candidate will implement new products and features under tight deadlines. You will be using primarily Python and MySQL that interface with front-end web applications implemented in JavaScript and HTML5. The ideal candidate should have strong technical and leadership skills and a good working knowledge of the latest concepts in security, performance, and resilience. You will be working with a small team of highly skilled individuals to build and enhance a platform that is changing the elections industry. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Full Stack Software Developer](#), Clear Ballot — The successful candidate will build and enhance enterprise-level, highly available applications using primarily Python and MySQL that interface with frontend web applications implemented in JavaScript and HTML5. The ideal candidate should have strong technical skills and a good working knowledge of the latest concepts in performance, security and resilience. One of the hallmarks of our system is its

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emphasis on new visualization techniques made possible by sophisticated data structures that enable high-performance in a multi-user environment. You will be working with a small team of highly skilled individuals to build and enhance a platform that is changing the elections industry. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Inside Sales Representative, Runbeck](#) — to support our desired growth and market expansion, we continue to hire outstanding talent in multiple departments. We are looking for highly motivated, dedicated and talented individuals who will be able to contribute significantly to the success of the company while receiving great opportunities for professional growth and financial benefits. Responsibilities include: Contact potential or existing customers to inform them about a product or service; ability to present solution and its value to a prospect over the phone; answer questions about products or the company; ask questions to understand customer requirements and close sales; enter and update customer information in the database; keep records of calls and sale and note useful information in the CRM; process orders in an accurate manner; and go the “extra mile” to meet sales quota and facilitate future sales. **Application:** In order to apply, please send a resume to Tammy White: [twhite@runbeck.net](mailto:twhite@runbeck.net).

[Program Manager, Overseas Voting Initiative](#), Council of State Governments — the Program Manager of CSG’s Overseas Voting Initiative, funded through a cooperative agreement with the US Dept. of Defense (DOD) Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), provides day-to-day management and oversight of the Initiative, including research and policy analysis of electronic absentee voting systems for military voters, and development and dissemination of educational policy programming and deliverables to state leaders in support of the cooperative agreement. The Program Manager works within CSG’s Center of Innovation and in cooperation with CSG’s policy and executive management teams as well as regional offices, affiliates and members to support, monitor and improve state elections processes for military and overseas voters. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Project Manager](#) (Austin, TX) – Hart InterCivic — Hart InterCivic is looking for a project manager to work with our Professional Services Team. The project manager oversees the deployment of voting systems and training to both existing and new Hart customers. The ideal candidate has experience in the elections industry, is PMP certified, and is motivated to achieve success for our customers with initiative. Travel up to 80 percent. Reports to the Manager of Professional Services. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Regional Sales Manager](#), Clear Ballot— The Regional Sales Manager (RSM) position will represent Clear Ballot in a designated territory to engage prospective customers, educate them on the value of partnering with Clear Ballot, and close New Business. This position is a Hunter. The RSM will be responsible for managing and growing their assigned territory and meeting quarterly and annual sales goals. Previous sales experience in high growth organizations is a plus. RSM’s will be responsible for understanding the Clear Ballot portfolio and effectively communicating the value we bring to the market. Measures of success include: high levels of sales activity, regular and consistent reporting and communication of progress, progress toward quarterly and annual quota attainment, and overcoming obstacles to get the job done. We currently have open positions in Florida and Boston. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Sales Engineer](#), Clear Ballot — Our Sales and Marketing team is looking for a seasoned, hardworking and energetic Sales Engineer with proven experience and a passion for selling technology solutions. This role is responsible for being the primary technical resource for our sales force while also actively driving and managing the technology evaluation stage of the sales process. You will be required to have an in-depth technical knowledge of Clear Ballot’s Clear Vote suite and demonstrating the product capabilities to prospective customers. The ideal candidate must also be able to identify and provide reliable solutions for all technical issues to assure complete customer satisfaction. Measures of success include new customer acquisition rates, renewal rates, upselling, cross-selling, customer satisfaction and contribution to overall sales team and new customer success **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Senior Level Software Developer](#), BPro — We are a well-established small business that has been developing requirements and producing software for the needs of state governments since 1985 and continue to maintain and upgrade many of those systems. We have offices in Pierre, South Dakota, Fargo, North Dakota, Minnesota & Virginia. We’re currently looking for an energetic and intelligent .Net Developer to join our growing team. Our ideal candidate is one who loves to learn, enjoys working as a team, and who can multitask and meet deadlines. Skills



required: .NET, VB, VBA, ASP, SQL, HTML, and JavaScript. A four-year college degree is the minimum educational requirement. All applicants must have excellent written and verbal communications skills. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Senior Researcher, Public Policy Evaluation Research](#), Fors Marsh Group — FMG is hiring for a researcher on the Public Policy Evaluation team which serves to address public concerns and promote the quality of the community. This is done through a) articulating the public's needs, b) conducting rigorous evaluation to assess how these needs are being met, and c) working with our clients to improve these programs and policies. This job is best suited for an individual who enjoys research, has experience leading research team, possesses excellent attention to detail, continuously strives to learn and develop, and prefers working in a cooperative environment. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Senior Software Developer](#), Runbeck— Runbeck Election Services is looking for full stack enthusiasts who are comfortable tackling end-to-end and enjoy building products that solve big problems and delight customers. We're a collaborative team who knows how to get things done (Lone Rangers need not apply). We believe that small teams focused on shipping software move the fastest and make the most impact. The ideal candidate for this position has extensive back end skills (C#, MVC, ASP.Net, SQL Server) paired with solid web and desktop skills (IIS, JavaScript, HTML 5, CSS, jQuery, WPF, Win Forms). Must have a solid grasp of our basic toolset (Jira, Visual Studio). Willing to learn new plug-ins and IDE enhancements in order to boost your productivity and are excited to introduce us to new tooling experiences that have worked for you in the past. You bring discipline and care about implementation practices. You are familiar with Agile/Scrum processes, practice common design patterns, embrace clean coding principles, and employ many other techniques in an effort to bring a high level of software craftsmanship to your finished product. **Application:** In order to apply, please send a resume to Tammy White: [twhite@runbeck.net](mailto:twhite@runbeck.net).

[Software Product Specialist II](#) (Phoenix, AZ) – Dominion Voting Systems — Dominion Voting Systems is seeking a Software Product Specialist II to join our team in Phoenix, AZ! This position will be responsible for delivering a wide variety of technical and non-technical customer support services related to the implementation, operation, repair, maintenance and upgrades of Dominion Voting Systems technology products. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Systems Engineer](#), Clear Ballot — We are looking for a talented Systems Engineer who has both a technical and services/support background which enables them to quickly assess customer needs and offer value to Clear Ballot's customers. The Systems Engineer will gain a deep understanding of how Clear Ballot's products operate and their optimal configuration to build a streamlined installation process of the Clear Vote election system. The ideal candidate for this position can prioritize mission critical tasks and coordinate the implementation and expansion of our systems. They will be able to work directly with customers, display innovation, think conceptually and act tactically to build consensus around system installation and enhancement and meet deadlines. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

## Marketplace

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## Voting Booths

Each aluminum briefcase contains the following: aluminum legs, privacy shield, writing base, light assembly. All units are in great shape dimensions are 22"x 18"x 3". MFG: ESL. Election supplies Limited, Napa California. Quantity: 400 Price per unit is \$50. Contact Greg Larson 408.569.1004







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# electionline Weekly

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## In Focus This Week

### The Best Kind of October Surprise: A New electionline

By Stacey Scholl

It might be an understatement to say electionline looks a little different these days; from a newsier [homepage](#) to a new [events page](#), Democracy Fund is improving what we know you love and offering new content to help you better understand what's happening in elections and what's new for administrators.

When Democracy Fund [announced](#) in January 2018 that the website would become a project within the organization, we felt then, as we do now, that electionline is a vital resource for trusted news and information about the people and process that guide our nation's elections. Our goals for redeveloping the site were to enhance its capabilities and expand content—but our long-term plans are to create a place where readers are exposed to new ideas, opportunities for continuing education, and relationship building.

To do this, we started by thinking long and hard about the site's current audience and their needs. Starting now, election administrators, academics, voting advocates and other regular readers of electionline will find new ways to:

- **Keep Up With Election News** – Electionline is still the only place on the internet to find national and state-by-state curation of daily election administration news. Our refreshed '[Daily News](#)' section allows readers to sort stories by date or by state, better enabling those with specific interests to hone in on the most relevant news quickly.
- **Track Election Events** – We know that there are no shortage of election-related events, conferences, and public meetings happening across the country. These convenings are important opportunities to learn, share and refine ideas, and participate in critical conversations about voting and elections administration with advocates, administrators, and officials. Our [sortable list of national and local events](#) now makes it easy to find events you might be interested in. We are experimenting with ways to track and input these events, but event-organizer submission will be one key way we collect this information. If you'd like to share your event with electionline readers, you can [submit it here](#).
- **Stay Informed With Exclusive Analysis** – In addition to continuing to publish the classic electionline Weekly newsletter, we will also start sharing exclusive reports and analysis on elections and voting from leaders and experts in the field. This week, we hope you'll check out a new report on "[Understanding the Voting Experience](#)." Using data collected from 2008-2016 via the Cooperative Congressional Election Study, authors Natalie Adona and Paul Gronke offer new insight into how the public is thinking about the decision to vote or not, their knowledge and application of voter registration requirements, the over all voter experience, and the public's trust and confidence in U.S. elections.
- **Boost Your Skills With New Training & Resources** – Our new '[Training & Resources](#)' page connects readers to organizations, trainings, tools, and more. Now searchable and sortable, these organizations and items are a potential game-changer for election administrators who want to connect with subject-matter experts, get up to speed on things like cybersecurity, or dig deep on a topic like election audits.
- **Find Career Opportunities in Elections Administration** – The election administration community thrives not only when ideas are accessible, but also when opportunities are elevated and cost-savings are passed along.



That is why, over time, we will work to populate and update our new [Jobs & Marketplace](#) landing page, featuring job openings and used equipment available for purchase from across the country. We think of this part of the website as a place to get employed and for resources to be redeployed.

In the process of redeveloping electionline, we received invaluable insight from many friends and partners, and we are grateful to them for their time and thoughtful advice. As we continue to refine the new site, we will continue to leverage our greatest asset: our readers. Please email Mindy at [mmoretti@electionline.org](mailto:mmoretti@electionline.org) with your questions, thoughts, and feedback.

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## Federal-State Updates

Maryland's two Democratic Sens Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, along with Maine's Susan Collins (R) have introduced the [Protect Our Elections Act](#) which would require companies that provide election services to report any foreign national who owns or controls their firm to the secretary of Homeland Security, the Election Assistance Commission and state and local officials. It also would require companies to provide notice of any material change in ownership or control. The bill establishes a \$10,000 fine for failing to do so.

According to NBC News, the Department of Homeland Security says it's working to identify who is behind an [increasing number of attempted cyberattacks](#) on election databases ahead of the midterms.

"We are aware of a growing volume of cyber activity targeting election infrastructure in 2018," the department's Cyber Mission Center said in an intelligence assessment issued last week and obtained by NBC News. "Numerous actors are regularly targeting election infrastructure, likely for different purposes, including to cause disruptive effects, steal sensitive data, and undermine confidence in the election."

The assessment said, according to NBC, the federal government does not know who is behind the attacks, but it said all potential intrusions were either prevented or mitigated.

However, according to *The Hill*, Christopher Krebs, head the National Protection Programs Directorate (NPPD) said [the report isn't quite right](#).

"It's not an uptick in activity," he said according to *The Hill*. Krebs added that state and local election officials have gotten better at sharing information about cyber activities targeting election systems like voter registration databases since the 2016 election, when that kind of information sharing largely wasn't happening.

## Election News This Week

**Counties in the Panhandle and Big Bend area of Florida** that have been devastated by [Hurricane Michael](#) have asked the governor to issue an executive order to that provides greater flexibility to conduct elections. One of the suggestions has been to move to a vote center model for Election Day. Other things that have come up are concerns about mail ballots and how relief workers will be able to cast their ballots. Mark Andersen, supervisor of elections in [Bay County](#), the hardest hit county posted this on Facebook: "On behalf of the Supervisor of Elections office, our thoughts and prayers are with everyone feeling the impacts of Hurricane Michael. Our office has experienced significant damage and our communication lines are still out. Our systems are slowly being restored which require patience and time. I am proud of how tirelessly and quickly the staff have been working to meet the needs of this office and the voters of Bay County. More updates regarding voting sites for the upcoming election will be posted as soon as all polling locations have been assessed." Supervisors of elections from throughout the state are [pitching in to help](#) their colleagues in any way they can including loaning additional cell phones. Despite



the destruction, counties are still moving forward with logic and accuracy tests. The [secretary of state](#) has yet to decide how to handle the situation.

**Social media giant Facebook announced this week** that it will [ban false information about voting requirements](#) and fact-check fake reports of violence or long lines at polling places during this year's midterms. Links to discouraging reports about polling places that may be inflated or misleading will be referred to fact-checkers under the new policy, Facebook said. If then marked as false, the reports will not be removed but will be seen by fewer of the poster's friends.

**Early voting is underway** in parts of the country and localities are reporting strong turnout numbers so far. In [Mecklenburg County, North Carolina](#) the board of elections estimated that more than 10,000 people voted at 19 early voting sites on the first day. It hasn't all been smooth sailing though. In [Cobb County, Georgia](#) voters reported waiting up to three hours to cast ballot. Due to poll worker error, several voters in [Forsyth County, North Carolina](#) received the wrong ballot during early voting. In [Shelby County, Tennessee](#) it was a connectivity issue, according to the county election commission, that delayed voters when polls opened at 11am.

**Whoops!** An initiative of Mayor Bill DiBlasio sent about 400,000 letters to New York City voters telling them that they were inactive and may not be able to vote. Problem is, many of the people who received the letter were [not actually inactive voters](#). "It has come to our attention that a very small group of active voters may have received inaccurate letters from the city identifying them as inactive voters," the mayor's press secretary, Eric F. Phillips, said in a statement. "We're working to get to the bottom of why the mailing list used, which originated with the city Board of Elections, seems to have led to this error." The board of elections however distanced itself from the letter noting that it was sent by the mayor's office using data from a political consultant firm. It cost the city about \$200,000 to send the letters.

**Ballot Problems:** A number of jurisdictions have experienced problems with absentee and vote-by-mail ballots. The Maricopa County, [Arizona](#) clerk and recorder announced that the office will replace any water-damaged ballots after tropical storms brought record-breaking rain and flooding to the area. In [New Jersey](#), about 10,000 vote-by-mail ballots in Middlesex County contained errors in the recipients' addresses. The mistakes prompted concerned calls to the county clerk's office from voters fearful they would be prevented from voting. In Park County, [Wyoming](#), about 1,300 people who had requested absentee ballots got new ones after officials discovered an error. The 100 or so voter who had already cast their ballots were allowed to submit new ones. The [New Hampshire](#) Attorney General's office has identified 126 voters who received incorrect absentee ballots. About 300 voters in Athens-Clarke County, [Georgia](#) are being asked to submit new absentee ballots after it was discovered the ones they submitted contained a race it should not. After complaints about ovals on the ballot, Lucas County, [Ohio](#) is offering new ballots to any voter who has an issue with the ovals. About one-third of Mercer County, [North Dakota's](#) 2,600 mail ballots will have to be recast after it was discovered that an independent candidate for the U.S. House seat was left off the ballot. Voters in Benzie County, [Michigan](#) will be getting their absentee ballots a bit late after a printing delay held them up. Thirty Allen County, [Indiana](#) absentee voters received ballots with candidate lists with no numbers. Yellowstone County, [Montana](#) recently had to reach out to voters in Billings to let them know that they may have received the wrong vote-by-mail ballot. Also in [Montana](#) in Mineral County, officials are trying to figure out how to deal with an error on instructions sent out with about 1,250 absentee ballots.

**Personnel News:** Congratulations to Webster County, Missouri Clerk [Stan Whitehurst](#) who recently received the 2018 Rosemary Plitt Award for Excellence in Election Administration. [Eric Dreiband](#) has been confirmed as the new head of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. [Andy Farrar](#) is the new Coffee County, Tennessee election commissioner. Paddock Lake, Wisconsin Clerk-Treasurer [Emily Uhlenhake](#) will retire on November 30 after 16 years on the job. Waukesha County, Wisconsin Clerk [Kathleen Novack](#) is resigning following the November election. Longtime Floyd County, Georgia elections technicians [Vanessa Waddell and Donna Maldonado](#) are sharing the title of interim clerk.

## Legislative Updates

**Montana:** By an 8-3 vote, the Missoula City Council voted to expand the city's gun-free zones to include all [polling places](#). According to *The Missoulian*, council member Julie Merritt proposed the changes in September as both an



emergency amendment and an update to an existing city ordinance after concerns were raised about open and concealed carrying of weapons in polling places. Weapons aren't allowed in schools, where many polling places are. But there are also voting sites that are not school based.

**Ohio:** The Franklin County commission voted to transfer \$245,000 from the board of elections budget to the county commission's budget to spend it on [public service announcements](#) promoting early voting. The board of elections had previously said they would not spend their own funds on early voting advertising.

**Pennsylvania:** The House State Government Committee held a hearing this week to discuss ongoing [issues with the state's election system](#). In addition to discussion about Russian interference, the committee also discussed the possibility of non-citizen voters.

Also in Pennsylvania, Rep. Eric Roe (R-Chester) has introduced legislation that will allow Pennsylvania to offer [curbside voting](#) for voters with disabilities.

## Legal Updates

**Arkansas:** In a 5-2 decision the Arkansas Supreme Court has upheld the state's [voter ID law](#). "In our view, providing a system of verifying that a person attempting to cast a ballot is registered to vote is relevant and pertinent, or has a close relationship, to an amendment establishing a system of voter registration," the court said.

**Florida:** Late last week U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle turned down the Democrats request to extend the state's voter registration deadline to October 16 for those affected by [Hurricane Michael](#).

**Georgia:** Civil rights groups have filed a federal lawsuit seeking to overturn the state's [exact match](#) law which has stalled approximately 53,000 voter registrations from being processed.

Two lawsuits were filed in federal court this week against the secretary of state's office and Gwinnett County over "excessive rejection" of [absentee ballots](#). According to analysis by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, so far Gwinnett has rejected about 8.5 percent of absentees while the state average is 2 percent.

**Guam:** The government of Guam argued before a Ninth Circuit panel at the University of Hawaii that it is not unlawful to [limit non-native residents from voting](#) on the territory's future political ties with the United States.

**Missouri:** The attorney general's office has filed an appeal and an emergency stay to Cole County Circuit Court Judge Richard Callan's ruling last week that overturned a provision in the state's [voter ID](#) law that requires voters who don't have a photo ID to sign an affidavit.

**New Jersey:** Lizaida Camis, 55, has been indicted on one count of using the mail to promote a [voter fraud](#) scheme and one count of conspiracy to use the mail to promote a voter bribery scheme.

**North Carolina:** A three-judge panel has ruled that changes make to the state's board of elections by the Legislature make [the SBOE unconstitutional](#). In their 2-1 ruling, the judges did say that the board of elections is allowed to continue its work as-is for now in light of the upcoming election.

**Ohio:** A voting rights group has asked the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review a lower court's ruling that concluded a stopgap system to allow [purged voters](#) to vote provisionally was no longer needed.

**Pennsylvania:** President Judge Russel Shurtleff has denied a petition to combine two Falls Township [polling places](#) into one.

**Tennessee:** U.S. District Judge Thomas Parker had denied a request for an order requiring the Shelby County election commission to ask the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to perform [risk and vulnerability assessments](#) on the county's electronic voting system.

**Texas:** According to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Leticia Sanchez, Leticia Sanchez Tepichin, Maria Solis and Laura Parra have been indicted on [30 felony counts of voter fraud](#) including stealing the votes of elderly voters. A



statement from the attorney general's office said the defendants allegedly were paid to target older voters "in a scheme to general a large number of mail ballots and then harvest those ballots for specific candidates.

## Tech Thursday

**Social Media:** It's probably wrong that we love this as much as we do, but according to Teen Vogue, various Twitter users are posting [fake celebrity news](#) headlines and when followers click on the link to read the story it takes the users to [vote.gov](#) so they can register to vote.

**California:** Contra Costa County has launched a social media-based campaign to promot citizens checking and confirming their voter registration. The "CoCoCheck" campaign is based on the idea that sometimes voters change their names or move and in that process, do not update their voter registration. The campaign Is a simple way to direct voters to the tools we offer and hopefully eliminate confusion and voters going to the wrong polling place on Election Day.

Also in California, congratulations to the [California Voter Foundation](#) on the launch of their newly re-designed website.

**Kansas:** Johnson County Election Commissioner Ronnie Metsker announced that [updated software](#) for the county's ballot tabulation system has received certification from both the federal government and the state. "We have exhaustively tested this," Metsker told the *Kansas City Star*. "It will be dazzlingly fast."

**Louisiana:** The state's [multi-million dollar contract](#) with Dominion Voting Systems to replace thousands of voting machines has been canceled after the state's chief procurement found flaws in the vendor selection. "I hereby determine that it is in the best interest of the state to rescind the award made to Dominion Voting Systems," Chief Procurement Officer Paula Tregre wrote in a 17-page decision.

**North Carolina:** The Wake County Board of Elections has created a [YouTube video](#) designed to show voters exactly what happens [behind the scenes](#) before, on and after Election Day. It's a really great, simple look at something that is such a mystery for many voters.

## Opinions This Week

**National Opinions:** [Voter registration](#) | [Voter disenfranchisement](#) | [Election security, II](#) | [Voting system](#) | [Voting rights, II, III](#) | [Voter suppression, II](#) | [Crisis of democracy](#) | [Evolution of voting](#) | [Voting integrity](#)

**Arkansas:** [Secretary of state race](#)

**California:** [Motor Voter, II, III, IV](#) | [Local elections](#) | [Poll workers](#)

**Colorado:** [Larimer County](#)

**Florida:** [Voting rights](#) | [Ex-felon voting rights, II, III](#)

**Georgia:** [Voting rights, II, III](#) | [Voter registration](#) | [Voter fraud](#) | [Brian Kemp](#) | [Exact match](#) |

**Indiana:** [Voting rights](#)

**Iowa:** [Secretary of state race, II](#) | [Voter ID, II](#)

**Kansas:** [Secretary of state race, II](#) | [Kris Kobach](#)

**Louisiana:** [Secretary of state race, II, III](#)

**Maryland:** [Election reform](#)

**Michigan:** [Secretary of state race](#) | [Election reform](#)



**Minnesota:** [Secretary of state race, II](#)

**Missouri:** [Early voting](#)

**Nebraska:** [Secretary of state race](#)

**Nevada:** [Automatic voter registration, II, III](#) | [Election security](#)

**New Jersey:** [Vote-by-mail](#)

**New York:** [Online voting](#) | [Polling places](#)

**North Dakota:** [Voter ID, II](#)

**Ohio:** [Secretary of state race](#)

**Oregon:** [Lane County](#)

**Rhode Island:** [Secretary of state race](#)

**Texas:** [Straight-ticket voting](#) | [Online voter registration](#)

**Virginia:** [Voter registration](#)

**West Virginia:** [Election integrity](#)

## Clearie Awards Deadline Extended!

### EAC Extends Deadline for Third Annual Competition for Best Practices in Election Administration

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has extended the deadline for submissions for its third annual "Clearie" awards, a national competition for best practices in election administration, until Friday, November 30, 2018. This year, the Commission will present awards in the categories of best practices related to voting accessibility, outstanding innovations in elections, and recruiting, training and retaining election workers. All entries must be received no later than Friday, November 30, 2018.

This year, the Clearie awards are dedicated the life and legacy of Wendy Noren and R. Brian Lewis. [Wendy Noren](#) served as Boone County Clerk for over three decades and was a member of the EAC's Board of Advisors before passing away in July 2018 following a long battle with cancer. R. Brian Lewis served as Counsel to the office of the Senate Majority Leader before his passing and was an early and steadfast proponent of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and election officials. Both were luminaries in the field of election administration who will long be remembered for their work and friendship.

"Election officials are known for their commitment to the values expressed in the EAC Clearie awards: excellence, innovation, maintaining accuracy and integrity in the election process and ensuring all eligible citizens can cast a ballot," said EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks. "The Clearies are a testament to their work and dedication and highlight best practices other election administrators can emulate."

This year's entries will be judged using the following criteria:

- Efficacy
- Innovation
- Sustainability
- Outreach efforts
- Cost-effectiveness
- Replicability



All submissions should be sent to the EAC via an email to [clearinghouse@eac.gov](mailto:clearinghouse@eac.gov). Nominators should use the following subject lines based on entry category: Election Worker Competition, Accessibility Competition or Outstanding Innovations Competition.

All entries must include a brief summary of the election program nominated and attach relevant documents, images and links that can be used to assess the entry. Submissions should also include contact information for the person submitting the program for consideration. Each entry must be submitted in a separate email.

For more information about this year's competition, please contact Patrick Leahy at [pleahy@eac.gov](mailto:pleahy@eac.gov).

## Upcoming Events

[Council of State Governments Annual Conference](#) — The Council of State Government will hold its 2018 National Conference in the Northern Kentucky, Greater Cincinnati area in December. Keynote speakers are J.D. Vance, author of *Hillbilly Elegy* and Story Musgrave who started life in the Marines and finished his public service at NASA where he spent more than 1,200 hours in space. The conference will include a 2.5 hour session on election cybersecurity communications mapping. **Where:** Cincinnati, Ohio. **When:** December 6-8.

[Election Audit Summit](#) — The Election Audit Summit will provide a space for participants from across the scientific, policy and legal worlds to discuss new developments in the field of post-election auditing, and engage in the ongoing conversation on the current status and future directions of the election audits in the United States. **Where:** Cambridge, Massachusetts. **When:** December 7-8.

[International Association of Government Officials](#) — IGO's 2019 mid-winter conference will be held in Irvine, California, January 6-11, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[National Association of State Election Directors](#) — The NASED Winter Conference will be held in Washington DC, February 1-4, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[National Association of Secretaries of State](#) — The NASS Winter Conference will be held in Washington, DC, February 1-4, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[International Association of Government Officials](#) — IGO's 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Houston, Texas, July 11-17. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[National Association of Counties](#) — NACo's 2019 Annual Conference will be held in Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada July 11-15, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

[National Association of State Election Directors](#) — The NASED Summer Conference will be held in Austin, Texas, July 14-16, 2019. Watch this space for more details about agendas and registration.

## Job Postings This Week

*electionlineWeekly publishes election administration job postings each week as a free service to our readers. To have your job listed in the newsletter, please send a copy of the job description, including a web link to [mmoretti@electionline.org](mailto:mmoretti@electionline.org). Job postings must be received by 5pm on Wednesday in order to appear in the Thursday newsletter. Listings will run for three weeks or till the deadline listed in the posting.*

[Assistant Inspector General for Audit](#), U.S. Election Assistance Commission — The Assistant Inspector General for Audit (AIGA) directs or conducts performance audits, evaluations, inspections and reviews of EAC programs, functions, and operations. The incumbent maintains personal contact with key senior officials within and outside of EAC, such as management and officials of CIGIE, OMB, GAO, other Federal and state agencies, contractors and educational or research groups. Participates with the IG in developing the annual audit plan; determining the scope of each audit; developing and adjusting audit guides when necessary to meet special or unusual circumstances; and participating in entrance and exit conferences with auditees (city, county, state, and/or EAC officials). The



ALGA supervises the work of subordinates, if any, and monitors the work of contractors. **Salary:** \$119,5897-\$141328. **Deadline:** November 30. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Certification Manager](#) (Denver, CO) – Dominion Voting Systems — Dominion Voting Systems is seeking a Certification Manager to join our team in Denver, CO! This position is a cross-functional leader playing a key role in managing certification efforts for Dominion Voting products. In this role, you will act as a representative of the company with State and Federal certification officials, test labs, and other key internal and external stakeholders throughout the certification process. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Certification Project Manager](#), Hart InterCivic — The Certification Project Manager manages state and federal certification projects of our Hardware and Software products, under the direction of the Certification Program Manager. The Certification Project Manager must be able to exercise sound judgment and interact with regulatory authorities in a professional manner, particularly in high-pressure situations. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Customer Relations Manager](#) (Phoenix, AZ) – Dominion Voting Systems — Dominion Voting Systems is seeking a Customer Relations Manager to join our team in Phoenix, AZ! This position will be responsible for effectively and proactively managing the day-to-day relationship, administration and technical/product support of one or more assigned customer accounts. Additionally, the CRM will serve as project manager for specialized projects such as pre- and postelection day support, new product implementations, and/or product upgrades/updates. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Director of Government Affairs](#), Hart InterCivic — The Hart InterCivic Director of Government Affairs oversees all aspects of support services for Hart's government relations activities for state and federal government entities. These include: identifying and engaging critical stakeholders at the federal, state, and county level, researching and providing consistent and proactive communication of company's regulatory strategy, partnering with key internal cross-functional departments, participating in industry forums ensuring active engagement where most critical, and developing monitoring/measurement tools to provide visibility and transparency. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Elections Program Manager](#), CIS— the Elections Program Manager is assigned to the Elections Infrastructure ISAC (EI-ISAC) at the Center for Internet Security. Reporting to the Director of the EI-ISAC, the Elections Program Manager will partner with other cybersecurity team members to promote the CIS mission and help support our growth. The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a subject matter expert on and represent the EI-ISAC in public forums regarding election infrastructure issues. The Elections Program Manager will work with the EI-ISAC Director to build relationships in the elections community and identify tools, products, and initiatives that meet the security needs of election officials. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Field Sales Director](#), Hart InterCivic — the Field Sales Director works primarily on the road and from a home office when he/she is not on business travel. The Field Sales Director is responsible for creating news sales with prospects and existing clients in a defined region. Today, this role is a single contributor and does not directly manage people. This position will report to the VP of Sales. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Full Stack Architect / Senior Software Engineer](#), Clear Ballot— Clear Ballot is looking for an accomplished, Boston MA based Architect/Senior Software Engineer who wants to bring their technical and leadership skills to bear on a hugely consequential problem: Bringing transparency to democratic elections. The successful candidate will implement new products and features under tight deadlines. You will be using primarily Python and MySQL that interface with front-end web applications implemented in JavaScript and HTML5. The ideal candidate should have strong technical and leadership skills and a good working knowledge of the latest concepts in security, performance, and resilience. You will be working with a small team of highly skilled individuals to build and enhance a platform that is changing the elections industry. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Full Stack Software Developer](#), Clear Ballot — The successful candidate will build and enhance enterprise-level, highly available applications using primarily Python and MySQL that interface with frontend web applications implemented in JavaScript and HTML5. The ideal candidate should have strong technical skills and a good working knowledge of the latest concepts in performance, security and resilience. One of the hallmarks of our system is its

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emphasis on new visualization techniques made possible by sophisticated data structures that enable high-performance in a multi-user environment. You will be working with a small team of highly skilled individuals to build and enhance a platform that is changing the elections industry. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Inside Sales Representative, Runbeck](#) — to support our desired growth and market expansion, we continue to hire outstanding talent in multiple departments. We are looking for highly motivated, dedicated and talented individuals who will be able to contribute significantly to the success of the company while receiving great opportunities for professional growth and financial benefits. Responsibilities include: Contact potential or existing customers to inform them about a product or service; ability to present solution and its value to a prospect over the phone; answer questions about products or the company; ask questions to understand customer requirements and close sales; enter and update customer information in the database; keep records of calls and sale and note useful information in the CRM; process orders in an accurate manner; and go the “extra mile” to meet sales quota and facilitate future sales. **Application:** In order to apply, please send a resume to Tammy White: [twhite@runbeck.net](mailto:twhite@runbeck.net).

[Program Manager, Overseas Voting Initiative](#), Council of State Governments — the Program Manager of CSG’s Overseas Voting Initiative, funded through a cooperative agreement with the US Dept. of Defense (DOD) Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), provides day-to-day management and oversight of the Initiative, including research and policy analysis of electronic absentee voting systems for military voters, and development and dissemination of educational policy programming and deliverables to state leaders in support of the cooperative agreement. The Program Manager works within CSG’s Center of Innovation and in cooperation with CSG’s policy and executive management teams as well as regional offices, affiliates and members to support, monitor and improve state elections processes for military and overseas voters. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Project Manager](#) (Austin, TX) – Hart InterCivic — Hart InterCivic is looking for a project manager to work with our Professional Services Team. The project manager oversees the deployment of voting systems and training to both existing and new Hart customers. The ideal candidate has experience in the elections industry, is PMP certified, and is motivated to achieve success for our customers with initiative. Travel up to 80 percent. Reports to the Manager of Professional Services. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Regional Sales Manager](#), Clear Ballot— The Regional Sales Manager (RSM) position will represent Clear Ballot in a designated territory to engage prospective customers, educate them on the value of partnering with Clear Ballot, and close New Business. This position is a Hunter. The RSM will be responsible for managing and growing their assigned territory and meeting quarterly and annual sales goals. Previous sales experience in high growth organizations is a plus. RSM’s will be responsible for understanding the Clear Ballot portfolio and effectively communicating the value we bring to the market. Measures of success include: high levels of sales activity, regular and consistent reporting and communication of progress, progress toward quarterly and annual quota attainment, and overcoming obstacles to get the job done. We currently have open positions in Florida and Boston. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Sales Engineer](#), Clear Ballot — Our Sales and Marketing team is looking for a seasoned, hardworking and energetic Sales Engineer with proven experience and a passion for selling technology solutions. This role is responsible for being the primary technical resource for our sales force while also actively driving and managing the technology evaluation stage of the sales process. You will be required to have an in-depth technical knowledge of Clear Ballot’s Clear Vote suite and demonstrating the product capabilities to prospective customers. The ideal candidate must also be able to identify and provide reliable solutions for all technical issues to assure complete customer satisfaction. Measures of success include new customer acquisition rates, renewal rates, upselling, cross-selling, customer satisfaction and contribution to overall sales team and new customer success **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Senior Level Software Developer](#), BPro — We are a well-established small business that has been developing requirements and producing software for the needs of state governments since 1985 and continue to maintain and upgrade many of those systems. We have offices in Pierre, South Dakota, Fargo, North Dakota, Minnesota & Virginia. We’re currently looking for an energetic and intelligent .Net Developer to join our growing team. Our ideal candidate is one who loves to learn, enjoys working as a team, and who can multitask and meet deadlines. Skills



required: .NET, VB, VBA, ASP, SQL, HTML, and JavaScript. A four-year college degree is the minimum educational requirement. All applicants must have excellent written and verbal communications skills. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Senior Researcher, Public Policy Evaluation Research](#), Fors Marsh Group — FMG is hiring for a researcher on the Public Policy Evaluation team which serves to address public concerns and promote the quality of the community. This is done through a) articulating the public's needs, b) conducting rigorous evaluation to assess how these needs are being met, and c) working with our clients to improve these programs and policies. This job is best suited for an individual who enjoys research, has experience leading research team, possesses excellent attention to detail, continuously strives to learn and develop, and prefers working in a cooperative environment. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Senior Software Developer](#), Runbeck— Runbeck Election Services is looking for full stack enthusiasts who are comfortable tackling end-to-end and enjoy building products that solve big problems and delight customers. We're a collaborative team who knows how to get things done (Lone Rangers need not apply). We believe that small teams focused on shipping software move the fastest and make the most impact. The ideal candidate for this position has extensive back end skills (C#, MVC, ASP.Net, SQL Server) paired with solid web and desktop skills (IIS, JavaScript, HTML 5, CSS, jQuery, WPF, Win Forms). Must have a solid grasp of our basic toolset (Jira, Visual Studio). Willing to learn new plug-ins and IDE enhancements in order to boost your productivity and are excited to introduce us to new tooling experiences that have worked for you in the past. You bring discipline and care about implementation practices. You are familiar with Agile/Scrum processes, practice common design patterns, embrace clean coding principles, and employ many other techniques in an effort to bring a high level of software craftsmanship to your finished product. **Application:** In order to apply, please send a resume to Tammy White: [twhite@runbeck.net](mailto:twhite@runbeck.net).

[Software Product Specialist II](#) (Phoenix, AZ) – Dominion Voting Systems — Dominion Voting Systems is seeking a Software Product Specialist II to join our team in Phoenix, AZ! This position will be responsible for delivering a wide variety of technical and non-technical customer support services related to the implementation, operation, repair, maintenance and upgrades of Dominion Voting Systems technology products. **Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

[Systems Engineer](#), Clear Ballot — We are looking for a talented Systems Engineer who has both a technical and services/support background which enables them to quickly assess customer needs and offer value to Clear Ballot's customers. The Systems Engineer will gain a deep understanding of how Clear Ballot's products operate and their optimal configuration to build a streamlined installation process of the Clear Vote election system. The ideal candidate for this position can prioritize mission critical tasks and coordinate the implementation and expansion of our systems. They will be able to work directly with customers, display innovation, think conceptually and act tactically to build consensus around system installation and enhancement and meet deadlines.

**Application:** For the complete job listing and to apply, [click here](#).

## Marketplace

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## Voting Booths

Each aluminum briefcase contains the following: aluminum legs, privacy shield, writing base, light assembly. All units are in great shape dimensions are 22"x 18"x 3". MFG: ESL. Election supplies Limited, Napa California. Quantity: 400 Price per unit is \$50. Contact Greg Larson 408.569.1004







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**Attachment(s):** "CC SOE PR Policy.pdf", "CC SOE PR Policy.pdf"

Mr. Churchwell,

The purpose of this email is to acknowledge receipt of your public records request and to share with you the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Public Records Policy (attached). Thanks, Melissa

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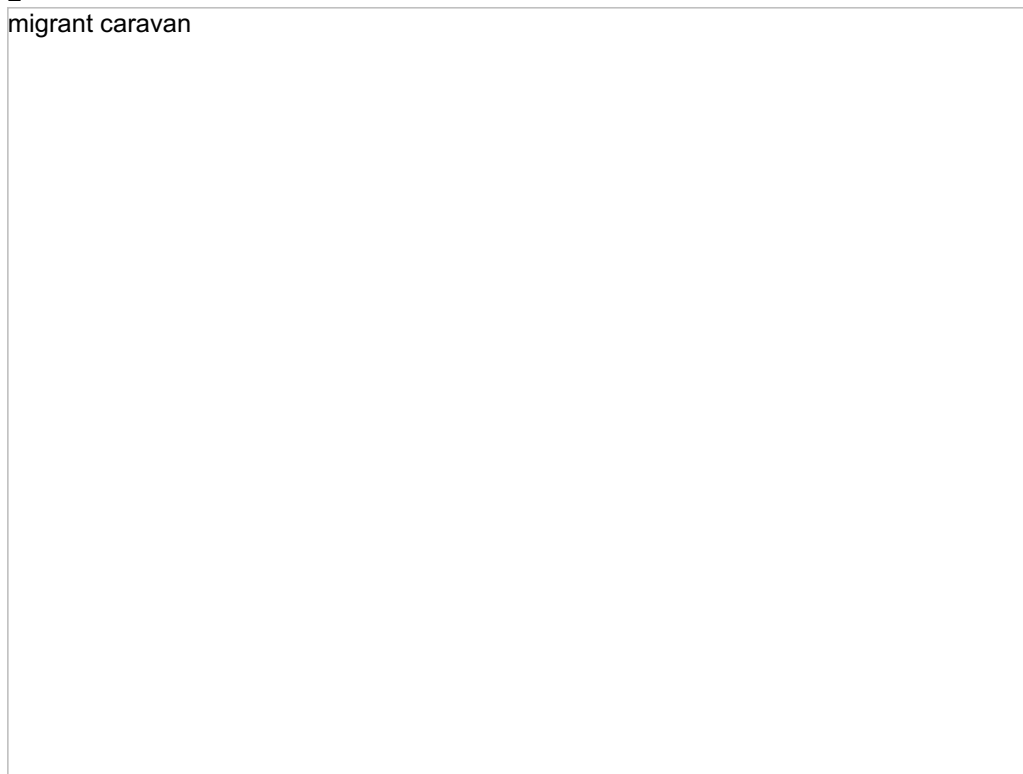
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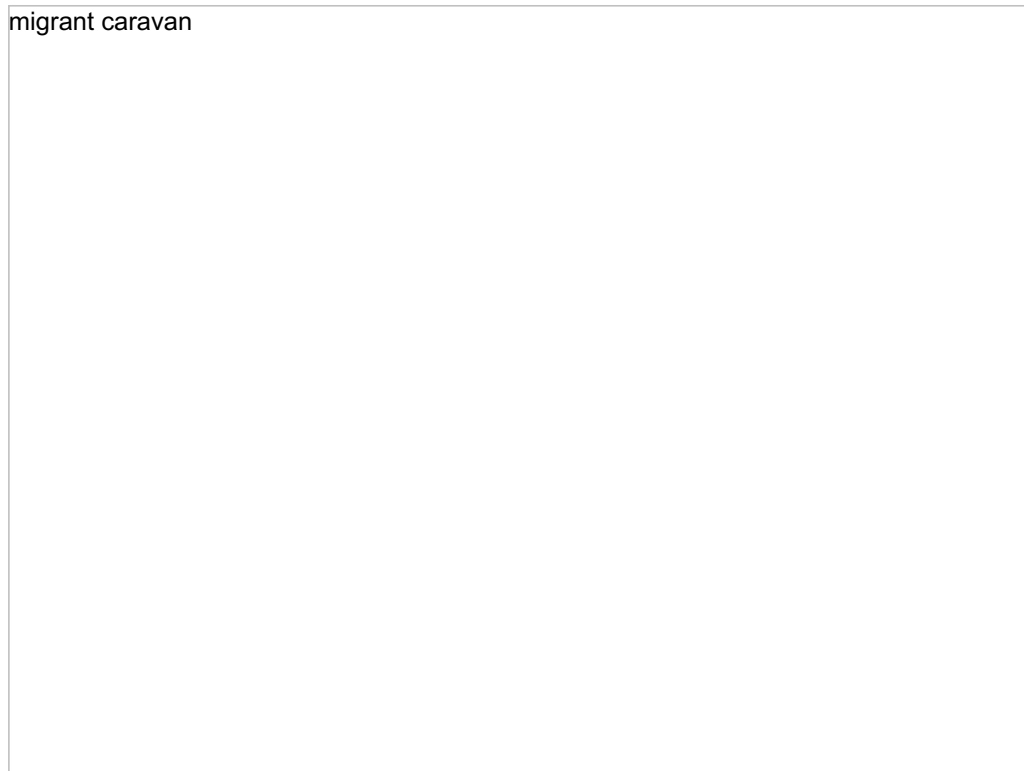
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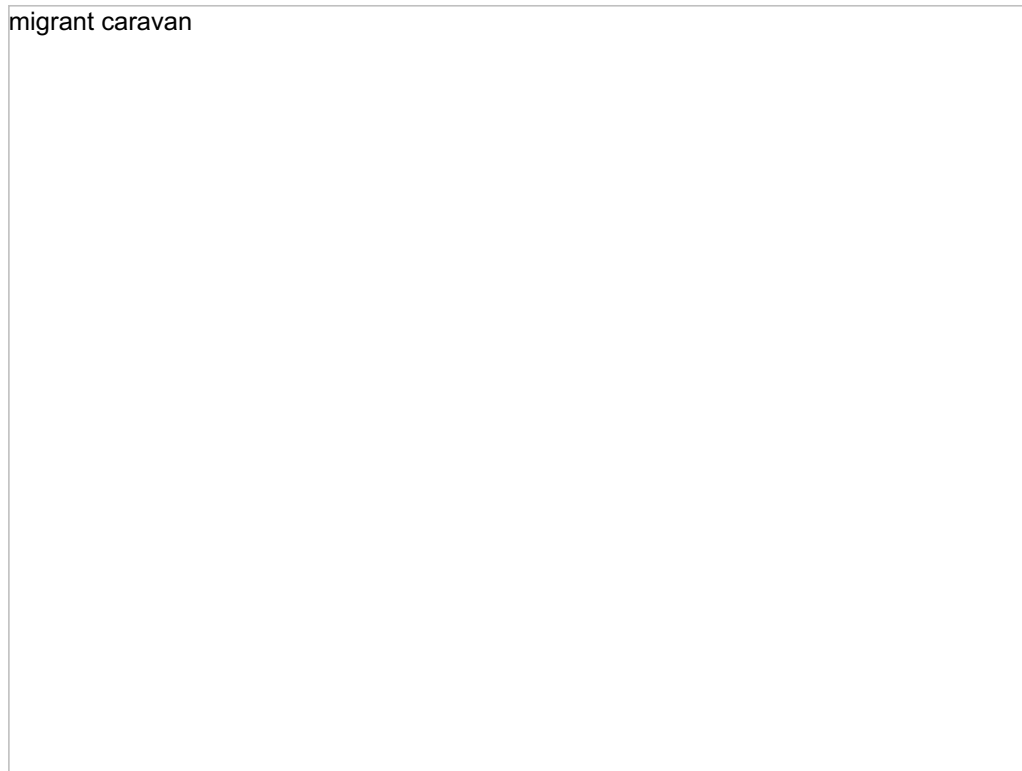
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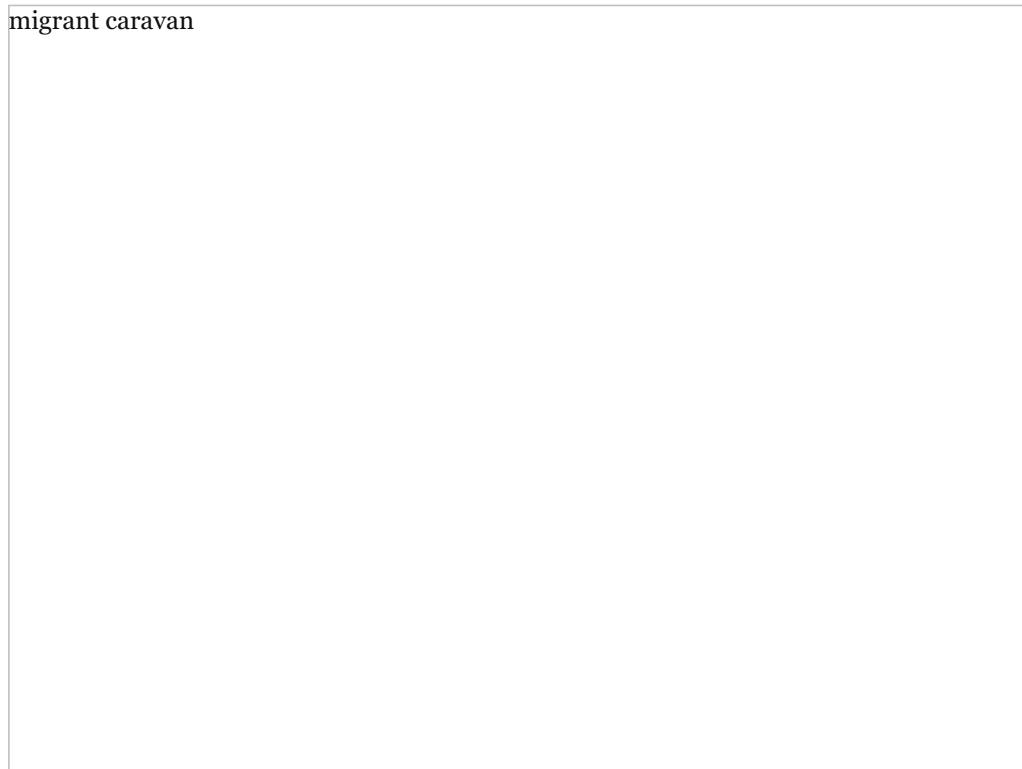
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A caravan of more than 7,000 Central Americans is descending on the United States. Like millions of foreigners, they want to live in the U.S. But these people are doing it their way—refusing to participate in our extensive *legal* immigration process.

Most will probably attempt to claim asylum when they get to the border. None should get it, for multiple reasons.

Under federal law ([8 U.S.C. 1101\(a\)\(42\)](#)), to be granted asylum, an alien must prove that he faces persecution, or has a “well-founded fear of persecution,” in his native country “on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.” Yet media interviews with those marching toward the border leave little doubt that the vast majority are coming for economic reasons. That doesn’t fit within the statutory requirement for asylum.

While asylum *may* be granted to those fleeing persecution, the applicable immigration statute ([8 U.S.C. 1158\(b\)](#)) doesn’t *require* it. Rather, that decision is left to the discretion of the attorney general or the secretary of homeland security.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions pointed this out in a June immigration [decision](#) involving an illegal alien from El Salvador who sought asylum in 2014. “Asylum is a discretionary form of relief from removal,” Sessions noted, “and an applicant bears the burden of proving not only statutory eligibility for asylum but that she also merits asylum as a matter of discretion.” In fact, immigration law directs that the official determining whether an alien is entitled to asylum make a “credibility determination” about the alien’s claim.

This is important because people often make false asylum claims to get into the country, then



disappear into the heartland with no intention of ever showing up for their hearing.

None of those in this latest wave of caravaners—including those who might meet the “persecution” requirement—has sufficient basis for a discretionary grant of asylum. In footnote 12 of his June opinion, Sessions reminds all “asylum adjudicators” that a “relevant discretionary” factor in deciding to grant asylum is whether the alien, while en route to the U.S., “passed through any other countries” where they could have asserted asylum. Were there “orderly refugee procedures...in fact available to help her in any country she passed through” and did the alien make “any attempts to seek asylum before coming to the United States[?]”

It’s a crucial question—and one fully in keeping with the procedures of the European Union, which pro-amnesty advocates love to cite as an enlightened entity. The [Dublin Regulation](#) requires those seeking asylum in the EU to assert their claim in the first EU country they enter.

The U.S. has such an [agreement with Canada](#), but Mexico has refused to enter into such a pact. Mexico’s refusal, however, in no way prevents the U.S. from enforcing such a requirement under its own immigration law and the discretionary authority granted to the attorney general and the secretary of DHS.

And Mexico does, in fact, have a very generous asylum law, passed in 2011. Indeed, it is broader than the U.S. law. As the Center for Immigration Studies [explains](#), in addition to the U.S. categories of fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, Mexico also grants asylum to those who have fled their native countries because they are “threatened by generalized violence, foreign aggression, internal conflicts, massive violations of human rights or other circumstances which have seriously disturbed public order.”

This refugee/asylum law, administered by Mexico’s Commission for Refugee Assistance, is available to every alien in the caravan. By the way, the law suspends all proceedings to remove or deport any asylum seeker until the commission reaches a final decision in that person’s case.

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## Carl Cannon's **Morning Note**

### **Objectivity's Demise; FBI's Shooter Data; Diversity Pledge; Courting Controversy**

By Carl M. Cannon on Oct 23, 2018 09:17 am

Good morning. It's Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Fifty years ago today, an amateur basketball team led by a 19-year-old phenom and a seasoned point guard from Kansas earned a gold medal for the United States at the Olympic Games held in Mexico City. Both players, Spencer Haywood and Jo Jo White, would go on to sterling careers in professional basketball and become household names to hoops aficionados. Both were also African-American, which was part of the story that year.

Seven days earlier, U.S. sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos had finished first and third in the 200-meter final. The men were friends, rivals, and teammates at San Jose State. They were also socially aware African-Americans who planned beforehand, if they won medals, to stage a silent and powerful demonstration.

Approaching the victory stand, they removed their shoes as a gesture to protest poverty. They had donned a scarf as a rebuke to lynchings. As the national anthem began, they lowered their heads and raised their gloved fists -- the Black Power salute.

The crowd didn't like it. They booed Smith and Carlos and then began singing the national anthem loudly. The U.S. Olympic Committee was even less pleased. Smith and Carlos were booted from the Olympic village and had their athletic credentials revoked, meaning they had to leave Mexico within



48 hours -- and weren't around to help the USA in the relays. No matter. American sprint teams, led by 100-meter champion Jim Hines and 400-meter gold medalist Lee Evans -- a San Jose State teammate of Smith and Carlos -- anchored gold-medal relay teams. Evans set world records in his races, and wore a Black Panther-style beret at his award ceremony, a gesture that eluded Olympic officials.

But back to that basketball team for a moment. I mentioned Spencer Haywood and Jo Jo White, but if you know your hoops history, you'll recall that the best college player in the country in 1968 -- and perhaps the best college basketball player of all time -- was UCLA center Lew Alcindor. Why wasn't he on Team U.S.A.?

I'll explain in a minute; or, rather, I'll let the player explain in his own words. First, I'd direct you, as I do each weekday, to our [front page](#), which aggregates an array of columns and stories spanning the political spectrum. We also offer original material from our own reporters and contributors this morning, including the following:

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**Assault on Objectivity.** Peter Schwartz [bemoans](#) the increasing weight placed on social-class-shaped "truth" in our culture and public life.

**The Problem With FBI's "Active Shooter" Data.** John Lott [asserts](#) that the bureau has undercounted the number of times concealed-handgun-permit holders have stopped potential mass shooting incidents.

**Pledging Allegiance to Diversity, and Tenure for Which It Stands.** In RealClearInvestigations, Max Diamond [reports](#) on universities requiring tenure-track professors to put their commitment to classroom diversity in writing.



**Confused Responses to Deficits.** RealClearMarkets editor John Tamny [shows](#) why budget deficits are the paradoxical effect of federal revenues being too high.

**Military Spending Doesn't Boost the Economy.** Also in RCM, Allan Golombek [addresses](#) a popular misconception about government spending.

**Big Data Is Often Bad Data.** In RealClearPolicy, Justin Sherman and Bob Sullivan [call](#) for ethical data analysis in business and public policy.

**New Incentives Can Help Protect Endangered Animals.** Also in RCPolicy, Rebekah May Yeagley and Josh T. Smith [discuss](#) how landowners can be motivated to aid at-risk species.

**Trump Offers Consumers No Relief From Misguided Ethanol Mandates.** In RealClearEnergy, Gerard Scimeca [argues](#) for repeal of the Renewable Fuel Standard.

**Book of the Week: "Antisocial Media."** In RealClearBooks, Alexander Stern [reviews](#) Siva Vaidhyanathan's account of Facebook's baleful effect on democratic politics.

**U.S. Designed to Self-Govern, Not Govern Others.** In RealClearHistory, Brandon Christensen [shares](#) lessons from America's involvement in Grenada in 1983.

**Top-Down Education Policy Should Yield to Free Choice.** In RealClearEducation, Robert Holland [offers](#) a historical argument for the superiority of school choice over centralized reform efforts.

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At the 1968 Summer Games, the U.S. men's basketball team would go 9-0 and defeat Yugoslavia in the gold medal game.



The team had one scare, against upstart Puerto Rico, but was clearly the best amateur team in the world. It would have been ever so much better with the inclusion of Lew Alcindor, however.

Why wasn't he there? Well, "Big Lew," whom you know today as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, was in the midst of a personal search for meaning in life and athletics. His reputation in the game of basketball has long been secure: three NCAA titles at UCLA; six NBA championships with the Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers; six-time league MVP; his induction in 1995 into the sport's Hall of Fame. After retirement, he found success as an actor, author, cultural critic, and political commentator.

But back in the summer of 1968, he was 21-year-old man about to start his senior year at college playing for legendary UCLA coach John Wooden. It had been difficult year for a young man with a budding social conscience. In 1967, race riots had erupted in Newark and Detroit. Martin Luther King Jr. had been killed the following spring. That same year, riots enveloped Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The Democrats' 1968 convention in Chicago became a melee inside the convention hall and outside.

"My development as a basketball player paralleled my evolution as a social activist," Jabbar, now 71, wrote in a memoir published last year. "The more confident and successful I was on the court, the more confident I felt about expressing my political convictions. That personal progression reached its most controversial climax in 1968, when I refused to join the Olympic basketball team. This started a firestorm of criticism, racial epithets, and death threats that people still ask me about today.

"I didn't reach that decision easily," he added. "I really, really wanted to join the team. It would be an exciting challenge to play against the best basketball players in the world as well as to be on the same team as the best college players in the



country. Plus, the adventure of going to Mexico City and hanging with athletes from around the world appealed to the young man in me.

But the idea of going to Mexico to have fun seemed so selfish in light of the racial violence that was facing the country."

The young man read "The Autobiography of Malcom X." And re-read it. The journey he was on would lead him to Islam and a name change. It would keep him away from the Olympics. He was convinced this was the right course of action, just as Tommie Smith and John Carlos were -- and just as the NFL players protesting the national anthem today are certain they are standing (kneeling, actually) for a cause larger than themselves.

The star still known then as Lew Alcindor had one key concern, however. How would his coach feel about his shunning the Olympics?

To their credit, neither Wooden nor any UCLA official ever discussed Alcindor's choice or questioned it publicly. Nonetheless, the player sensed that the patriotic Wooden, who'd been a U.S. Navy lieutenant during World War II, must have disapproved.

"I found out years later just how wrong I was," Kareem wrote in that 2017 book -- titled "[Coach Wooden and Me](#)."

In it [he told a story](#) few people had ever heard:

"A couple years ago I received a letter from a woman I had never met, a letter to her that Coach Wooden had written in response to a note she had sent to him complaining about my decision not to participate in the Olympics. Until I'd held it in my hands, I hadn't even known it existed. I opened the letter and began to read Coach's neat script:



*Dear Mrs. Hough,*

*The comments of this most unusual young man also disturbed me, but I have seen him hurt so much by the remarks of white people that I am probably more tolerant than most.*

*I have heard remarks within his hearing such as "Hey, look at that big black freak," "Did you ever see such a big N-----r?" and others of a similar nature that might tend to turn the head of a more mature person in normal times. I am truly afraid that he will never find any peace of mind regardless or not of whether he makes a million dollars. He may be able to afford material things, but they are a poor substitute for true peace of mind.*

*You may not have seen or read about the later interview when he said that there were so many things wrong at present of the treatment of his race in this country that it was difficult for him to claim it as his own.*

*Thank you for your interest,*

*John Wooden*

"I read the letter again," Kareem wrote. "Then again. Oh, Coach, I thought, I wish I'd known how you felt. If only to ease the burden you'd taken on to defend me. I thought back on my own arrogance at thinking I understood the man by reducing him to the kind of easy stereotype, the very thing that I'd been complaining about my whole life when it was done to me. He'd been too humble ever to say anything to me about the letter. Most people would have made a point of telling me how they'd come to my defense.

"But Coach Wooden didn't care about receiving credit. A good deed was its own reward. Seeking praise or gratitude would have negated the deed."



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I always think of you when I see Breaking News on Election Laws so pass this on merely as an FYI. Thankfully, the courts are increasingly upholding the 'True The Votes' decisions.

:) Gayle Thawley

<https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-room/press-releases/judicial-watch-victory-federal-district-court-reaffirms-constitutionality-of-ohio-voting-law-denies-end-run-attempt-around-earlier-supreme-court-ruling/>

# Judicial Watch Victory: Federal District Court Reaffirms Constitutionality of Ohio Voting Law, Denies 'End Run' Attempt Around Earlier Supreme Court Ruling

Judicial Watch    OCTOBER 26, 2018

## *Judicial Watch Amicus Curiae Brief Referenced in Court's Decision*

*'This Court recognizes that the extreme relief sought by Plaintiffs on their only remaining claim could potentially be viewed as an end run around the Supreme Court's decision ...'*

(Washington, DC) – Judicial Watch announced today that U.S. District Court Judge George C. Smith for the Southern District of Ohio agreed with Judicial Watch in [rejecting](#) an attempt by the AFL-CIO's Philip Randolph Institute to reinstate 1.5 million potentially ineligible voters onto the voting rolls. Judicial Watch's [amicus curiae brief](#) opposed this radical step because it would harm the public interest, given that so many of the reinstated registrations would be legally invalid because they are associated with voters who are living in other states or are deceased (*Phillip Randolph Institute, et al., v. Jon Husted, Ohio Secretary of State* (No. 2:16-cv-00303)).

This second failed challenge to Ohio's voter law came after the U.S. Supreme Court, on June 11, 2018, upheld an Ohio law providing that the State had to send address confirmation notices to all registered voters who had not voted in the previous two years. This ruling has the effect of also upholding a 2014 [settlement agreement](#) between Judicial Watch and Ohio, which required Ohio to use that same procedure as part of a regular Supplemental Mailing designed to identify whether registered Ohio voters had moved away – one of many steps intended to fulfill Ohio's obligations under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) to maintain the integrity of its voter list.

In his October 10 ruling, Judge Smith warned that the latest court challenge "could potentially be viewed as an end run around the Supreme Court's decision ..."

Judicial Watch filed [amicus briefs](#) at each stage of the Supreme Court litigation, supporting Ohio's voter-integrity efforts and settlement agreement with Judicial Watch as the case progressed from the trial court all the way up to the Supreme Court, which ultimately upheld Ohio's Supplemental Process and returned the case to the District Court. Judicial Watch Attorney Robert Popper, the director of the organization's Election Integrity Project, joined with five other former attorneys of the Civil Rights Division Attorneys of the Justice Department to file an [amici curiae brief](#) in the *Husted* case.

"Great news: another federal court turned aside a leftist attempt to dirty up the voting rolls and undermine clean

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elections. Dirty voting rolls can mean dirty elections. We will keep pushing in the courts to make sure other states take reasonable steps to make sure the names of dead people and people who have moved away are removed from election rolls,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “After comparing national census data to voter roll information, Judicial Watch estimates that there are [3.5 million](#) more names on state voter rolls than there are [citizens of voting age](#).”

Judicial Watch is the national leader in enforcing the list maintenance provisions of the NVRA. In addition to its settlement agreement with Ohio, Judicial Watch’s [win in Kentucky](#) resulted in a historic consent decree requiring Kentucky to take steps to clean its election rolls. Judicial Watch has also filed a successful NVRA lawsuit against [Indiana](#), causing it to voluntarily clean up its voting rolls and has lawsuits with the State of [Maryland](#), as well as California and [Los Angeles County](#) for their failure to comply with Section 8 of the NVRA. The lawsuits against California and Maryland are ongoing.

In [North Carolina](#), Judicial Watch supported implementation of the state’s election integrity reform laws, filing *amicus* briefs in the Supreme Court in March 2017. And in April 2018, Judicial Watch filed an *amicus* brief in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in support of Alabama’s voter ID law. In Georgia, Judicial Watch filed an *amicus* brief in support of Secretary Brian Kemp’s list maintenance process against a lawsuit by left-wing groups. Judicial Watch and Georgia won when the lawsuit was dismissed after the Supreme Court’s ruling in Ohio.

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By Michael Calderone | 10/29/2018 05:30 AM EDT

**HATE-FILLED RANTS**, anti-Semitic memes, and unhinged conspiracy theories can't be dismissed these days as fringe behavior. Alleged pipe bomber Cesar Sayoc's social media footprint revealed "a foundation of false news and misinformation" and was "steeped in the insular culture of the right-wing media," the New York Times' Kevin Roose [reports](#). "On social media," Roose adds, "none of this behavior is particularly out of the ordinary."

- **Before killing 11 worshippers** in a Pittsburgh synagogue Saturday, Robert Bowers announced he was "going in" on Gab, a social media platform that's a haven for bigots. While "Bowers' posts on Gab were replete with anti-Semitic slurs and calls for violence against Jews, who he claimed were behind plots to attack white Americans," [writes](#) the Daily Beast's Will Sommer, "those kinds of posts aren't out of the ordinary on Gab."

- **"Scrolling through these internet histories**, what's remarkable isn't the roiling hatred - tragically, that's become almost commonplace online," BuzzFeed's Charlie Warzel [writes](#) of Sayoc and Bowers. "But what's truly alarming is how familiar the digital trail left behind by these dark extremists feels."

- **On Sunday's "Meet the Press,"** Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt [said](#) that "political candidates and people in public life now literally repeat the rhetoric of white supremacists." Anti-Semitism, he noted, has "moved from the margins into the mainstream."

**Good morning and welcome to Morning Media.** The Red Sox are World Series champs, wrapping up an incredible season. Here's the [Globe's coverage](#). You can reach me at [mcalderone@politico.com](mailto:mcalderone@politico.com)/ [@mlcalderone](https://twitter.com/mlcalderone). Daniel Lippman ([dlippman@politico.com](mailto:dlippman@politico.com)/ [@dlippman](https://twitter.com/dlippman)) contributed to the newsletter. [Archives](#). [Subscribe](#).

**YOU DON'T NEED TO WADE** into the online fever swamps to find anti-Semitic and racist memes - Trump [tweeted some](#) during the 2016 campaign - or conspiracy theories that play on anti-Semitic tropes.

- **Trump, his media allies, and Republican lawmakers** have long fueled suspicions that liberal, Jewish philanthropist George Soros is seemingly [behind everything](#), from [U.S. protesters](#) to the [migrant caravan](#) 1,000 miles from the U.S. border. While Bowers [posted](#) caravan conspiracy theories on Gab, a baseless claim that Soros is behind the Central American march was given oxygen Thursday night on Lou Dobbs's Fox Business show.

- **Judicial Watch's Chris Farrell** told Dobbs that the "Soros-occupied State Department" is funding the caravan, a claim TPM's Josh Marshall [likened](#) Saturday night after the episode re-aired to the anti-Semitic "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." Fox Business SVP of programming Gary Schreier condemned Farrell's rhetoric on Sunday and the network confirmed that he won't be booked again.

- **But the incident** has put more scrutiny on Dobbs, a Trump loyalist who didn't challenge Farrell's claim and also last week recklessly [pushed a conspiracy theory](#) that the pipe bombs sent to the Obamas, Clintons, CNN and Trump critics like Soros were fake. "The Fox Business Network has a Lou Dobbs problem," CNN's Oliver Darcy [writes](#) in a piece that notes Dobbs has previously "referred to Soros as an 'evil SOB' and 'insidious'" and has "peddled various conspiracy theories about Soros."

**FOX UNDER SCRUTINY:** The right-wing violence of recent days has turned the spotlight more broadly on Fox News and Fox Business, where pro-Trump hosts and commentators have recently [drummed up fears](#) about the migrant caravan and have long obsessed over Soros. "Since April, people on Fox News have depicted Soros as a 'dirty word' and a 'radical' who 'hates the United States,'" [writes](#) HuffPost's Maxwell Strachan.

- **"Trump & Fox News kept on feeding** the false meme that a caravan of refugees included jihadists & was financed by the Jewish Soros," [tweeted](#) economist and NYU professor Nouriel Roubini. "So it is surprising that an anti-semitic believed this anti-semitic blood libel & massacred 11 Jews? Trump & Fox News have blood all over their hands."

- **"The most effective thing Americans can do** is boycott companies that advertise on Fox," [tweeted](#) Edward Luce, the U.S. national editor of the Financial Times. "They bankroll the poison that goes from the studio into Trump's head. The second is vote."

- **Former Fox News contributor Bill Kristol** [called](#) the remarks about Soros on Dobbs's show "repulsive and dangerous

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filth" that's being "spewed courtesy of a publicly owned corporation." Kristol asked, "Will no one on the board, in management, or in a position of influence at Fox speak up? Will no one act? Or is Fox perfectly happy to give bigotry sanction and violence its assistance?"

**MEDIA ABETTED 'TRUMP'S CARAVAN HYSTERIA':** The Atlantic's Adam Serwer [calls out](#) Trump's media enablers for boosting his "propaganda campaign" in framing the far-off caravan of impoverished migrants as a looming threat. But Serwer also takes issue with the mainstream press for having "abetted Trump's effort to make the midterm election a referendum on the caravan."

- **"Popular news podcasts** devoted entire episodes to the caravan," Serwer writes. "It remained on the front pages of major media websites. It was an overwhelming topic of conversation on cable news, where Trumpists freely spread disinformation about the threat the migrants posed, while news anchors displayed exasperation over their false claims, only to invite them back on the next day's newscast to do it all over again."

**DISPATCH FROM SQUIRREL HILL:** "We knew it could happen here - any here, anywhere - when we learned that nine people were killed three years ago in the historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C. We knew it could happen here - any here, anywhere - when we learned that six were killed in the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec City last year," [writes](#) Pittsburgh Post-Gazette executive editor David Shribman. "Now we know it can happen here, as anywhere, because it has."

**MUST- READS:** "A Prayer for Squirrel Hill-And for American Jewry," by The Atlantic's [Franklin Foer](#); "A Massacre in the Heart of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," by The New York Times's [Bari Weiss](#); and "I Grew Up in a Place Where I Felt Safe from Anti-Semitism-It was the United States," by The Daily Beast's [Sam Stein](#).

**WATCH:** Director Michael Moore [discovered](#) an outtake from "Fahrenheit 11/9" that includes Sayoc at a Trump rally last year holding a "CNN Sucks" sign. Sayoc has been accused of sending two pipe bombs to CNN.

**PROVIDENCE JOURNAL PUBLISHER APOLOGIZES FOR GUN AD:** Janet Hasson, regional vice president and publisher of The Providence Journal, [apologized](#) Sunday for the paper putting a sticker advertising guns atop its front page story on the deadly shooting in Pittsburgh. "The timing of the front page advertising stick-on is very unfortunate given the horrible news event," Hasson said.

**BLEAK FRONT PAGES:** New York Times assistant managing editor Sam Dolnick [tweeted](#) Sunday: "Political bombings. Racist mass shooting. Starvation. Environmental degradation. As bleak a front page as I can remember." Meanwhile, Houston Chronicle editor Nancy Barnes [tweeted](#): "We could not have imagined another mass shooting when we planned a cover for Sunday featuring the anniversary of Sutherland Springs. Sad times..."

**GAB'S BEEN A 'SAFE HARBOR' FOR WHITE NATIONALISTS:** Heidi Beirich, a spokeswoman for the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors far-right groups, [told](#) the Los Angeles Times' Matt Pearce that "Gab, in some ways, is the largest hate site on the web." Just hours after Bowers, a verified Gab user, slaughtered 11 innocent people, the site [boasted](#) about all the traffic it was receiving.

**TRUMP'S MEDIA ATTACKS ARE WORKING,** [writes](#) New York Times columnist Jim Rutenberg. "Increasingly, the president's almost daily attacks seem to be delivering the desired effect, despite the many examples of powerful reporting on his presidency," Rutenberg writes. "By one measure, a [CBS News poll](#) over the summer, 91 percent of 'strong Trump supporters' trust him to provide accurate information; 11 percent said the same about the news media."

**CJR OPENS NEWSSTAND TO FIGHT MISINFO:** The Columbia Journalism Review [will unveil](#) a newsstand in Manhattan tomorrow "to educate voters on how to identify disinformation." It'll be "outfitted with false stories taken from the Internet and printed on newspapers and magazines that mirror the design of legitimate publications," according to a release.

**SOUND BITE:** "This is obvious I guess, but if you want to cut down on bothsidesism, put people on TV who have subject-matter expertise acquired through reporting or research... not generalists who are asked to opine on a whole bunch of topics they don't really know anything about." [[Nate Silver](#)]

**TONIGHT:** The first of a two-part Frontline documentary - "[The Facebook Dilemma](#)" - will air on PBS. Part two airs tomorrow.

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**Tim Grieve** [is stepping down](#) as vice president of news for McClatchy and is moving to a "new venture in the media space." Grieve, who started out as a reporter at the Sacramento Bee, a McClatchy paper, held senior roles at POLITICO, National Journal, and Salon before returning to the newspaper chain.

**Jorge Arangure**, a former editor at The Village Voice, [is joining](#) The New York Times' Metro desk as an editor and will help oversee the relaunch of the New York Today newsletter.

**Yara Bayoumy**, most recently at Reuters, is joining The Atlantic as a senior editor leading national security coverage.

**Kaitlyn Burton** will be a general assignment reporter at Law360. She most recently has been a legislative reporter and newsletter writer for POLITICO.



**Caroline Simon** will be a committee reporter for CQ's subscriber service at CQ Roll Call. She most recently has been a fellow at USA Today.

## EXTRAS

- House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy deleted a tweet [urging](#) Republicans not to let George Soros, Michael Bloomberg, and Tom Steyer - all Jewish billionaires - "BUY this election." Steyer [said](#) Sunday on CNN that the tweet seemed anti-Semitic.
- Trump [responded](#) to the CNN interview by attacking Steyer - who was recently targeted with a pipe bomb - as "a crazed & stumbling lunatic." And Trump [was back](#) attacking the "Fake News" last night, which he accused of "Fake & Dishonest reporting."
- Media Matters' John Whitehouse [points outs](#) how radio host Erick Erickson - who urged conservatives Sunday on "Meet the Press" not to be "at war with the truth" - has pushed several conspiracies of his own, including last week [on the migrant caravan](#).
- Vanity Fair's Gabe Sherman [reports](#) how Lachlan Murdoch has little presence day-to-day at Fox News, while Trump "remains the network's main programmer."
- The New York Times' Rachel Abrams [checks in](#) on CBS's investigation into sexual harassment, which has now included interviews with more than 250 people.
- Outgoing Slate editor Julia Taylor [says](#) goodbye.

## KICKER

"So, America, perhaps the greatest danger we face is not a caravan 1000 miles away. Maybe it's already here." - conservative host and writer [Charlie Sykes](#)

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By Michael Calderone | 11/02/2018 05:30 AM EDT

**AS PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP** continues to stoke fears about immigration in the days before the midterms - including framing a caravan of migrants far from the U.S. border as a menacing "invasion" - news organizations run the [risk of amplifying](#) false or misleading claims about a nonexistent threat.

- **Both Fox News and CNN took** Trump's immigration remarks at the White House live yesterday, while MSNBC host Nicolle Wallace explained why her network wasn't. "Because he has used immigration in blatantly political ways, and in an abundance of caution, we've decided to monitor those remarks, fact-check them against Donald Trump's rhetoric and record on immigration, and then bring you the important news from them," she [said](#).

- **News networks faced criticism** during the 2016 election for [allowing Trump](#) to call into news shows at length and broadcasting his primetime rallies. The different programming decisions Thursday signaled networks are still grappling with how to responsibly cover the president. "MSNBC is 100 percent correct to blow off live airing," [responded](#) Washington Post media critic Erik Wemple. "As long as CNN and Fox News continue carrying BS like this, Trump will continue delivering it in these sorts of settings."

- **When CNN cut away**, host Jake Tapper [proceeded](#) to fact-check Trump's claims. Tapper later said CNN covered the president live because the White House said he would be introducing a new policy on asylum. "That's not actually what happened," said Tapper, adding that the president just regurgitated "the same speech he gives every night on the campaign trail."

**Good morning and welcome to Morning Media.** Wemple [also questions](#) whether the networks should carry Trump's 2019 State of the Union address live. You can reach me at [mcalderson@politico.com](mailto:mcalderson@politico.com)/ [@mlcalderone](https://twitter.com/mlcalderone). Daniel Lippman ([dlippman@politico.com](mailto:dlippman@politico.com)/ [@dlippman](https://twitter.com/dlippman)) contributed to the newsletter. [Archives](#). [Subscribe](#).

**IT'S NOT ONLY TV NETWORKS** who need to decide how much attention to give to Trump's immigration rhetoric. "Can't speak for rest of media, but the Daily is deliberately playing down these events because they are clearly not policy remarks or policy announcements," [tweeted](#) Michael Barbaro, host of New York Times podcast "The Daily." "They are deliberate attempts to inflame the electorate before the midterms. Just happens to be from the White House."

**TONIGHT:** CNN airs "Democracy in Peril: The War on Voting Rights" at 11 p.m. CNN's Kyung Lah speaks with Eric Holder, Jason Kander, Kris Kobach, Molly McGrath and Ari Berman.

**'ARE YOU EMBARRASSED BY WHAT THEY DO?** veteran New Yorker writer Ken Auletta asked 21st Century Fox executive chairman Lachlan Murdoch yesterday during an exchange about Fox News. "I'm not embarrassed by what they do at all," Murdoch [responded](#) on stage at the DealBook conference, adding that the company is the only one offering a strong conservative primetime lineup and "we all have to be more tolerant of each other's views."

- **Murdoch defended Fox News** amid increased scrutiny for on-air remarks seen as promoting conspiracy theories, and his appearance follows "Modern Family" co-creator Steve Levitan [telling](#) Variety that he won't work with the Fox broadcast network if Fox News remains "a destructive voice." Describing himself as economically conservative and "more liberal on social policy," Murdoch at one point suggested to moderator Andrew Ross Sorkin that the "biggest critics of Fox News aren't watching Fox News."

**ZUCKER SAYS CNN AUDIENCE STAYS FOR TRUMP COVERAGE:** "People say all the time, 'Oh, I don't want to talk about Trump. I've had too much Trump,'" CNN president Jeff Zucker [told](#) Vanity Fair's Joe Pompeo. "And yet at the end of the day, all they want to do is talk about Trump. We've seen that, anytime you break away from the Trump story and cover other events in this era, the audience goes away. So we know that, right now, Donald Trump dominates."

**ROMNEY CALLS MEDIA 'OUR FRIEND':** "I sometimes become irritated by stories I know are wrong, especially when they are about me," [writes](#) former Republican presidential nominee and Utah Senate candidate Mitt Romney. "But I cannot conceive of thinking or saying that the media or any responsible news organization is an enemy. The media is essential to our Republic, to our freedom, to the cause of freedom abroad, and to our national security. It is very much our friend."

**TRUMP DEFENDS CALLING MEDIA 'ENEMY':** Axios's Jim VandeHei [pressed](#) Trump about calling the news media the

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"enemy of the people" in an interview airing Sunday on HBO, at one point telling the president: "There's got to be a part of you that's like: 'Dammit, I'm scared that someone is gonna take it too far.'" Trump responded, "It's my only form of fighting back. I wouldn't be here if I didn't do that."

- **On MSNBC's "Morning Joe,"** VandeHei said Trump "seemed most comfortable" in the interview when discussing the media. "He wanted that confrontation. He so believes that he is aggrieved, that he is like the victim of a media that's more powerful than him," VandeHei said.

- **"It's clear what he wanted** to talk about on that day -of all the things that were happening in the world," VandeHei added. "He wanted to talk about his obsession with the media." (Watch via [Mediaite](#))

**SAUDI PRINCE TRIED SMEARING KHASHOGGI IN CALL TO W.H.:** The Washington Post's John Hudson, Souad Mekhennet and Carol Leonnig [report](#) that "Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman described slain journalist Jamal Khashoggi as a dangerous Islamist days after his disappearance in a phone call with President Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner and national security adviser John Bolton." The crown prince, they write, "urged Kushner and Bolton to preserve the U.S.-Saudi alliance."

**WATCH:** Washington Post CEO and publisher Fred Ryan, who was honored last night at the International Women's Media Foundation Courage in Journalism awards, [dedicated](#) his speech to Khashoggi. "Jamal did absolutely nothing to deserve this cruel fate," Ryan said. "He was simply doing the job of a journalist, which is to tell the truth."

**THE NEW YORK TIMES TOPPED FOUR MILLION** subscribers in the third quarter, with more than three million paid digital-only subscribers. The Times's Jaclyn Peiser [reports](#) that 143,000 of the 203,000 new digital-only subscribers signed up for digital news products, "with the remainder paying for the company's cooking and crossword features."

- **How big can the Times get online?** Publisher A.G. Sulzberger said he was hesitant to discuss numbers when asked that question [last week](#) at CNN's "Citizen" forum, though he acknowledged "throwing numbers like 10 million around."

- **Nieman Lab's Joshua Benton** [writes](#) of the Times's growth: "Take 98 percent of whatever energy you devote to worrying about the future of the Times and rechannel it into worrying about your local daily, which is very likely approaching existential crisis."

**RECODE TO FOLD INTO VOX.COM:** The Wall Street Journal's Benjamin Mullin [reports](#) that tech site Recode, which was acquired by Vox Media three years ago, will become a section of Vox.com. Recode editor-in-chief Dan Frommer is leaving the company; however, Mullin reports that staff cuts aren't expected.

- **Recode founder Kara Swisher** [addressed](#) the changes and also wrote how Recode will be "shifting our editorial approach to focus writers on pointed narratives rather than simply topics or specific companies." She added, "We will remain skeptical, infused with the recognition that disruptive technologies unleash unexpected consequences, that the collision between human behavior and complex algorithms never goes precisely as anticipated."

**OPENING:** [Recode editor](#).

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**Bill Keller**, the founding editor-in-chief of the Marshall Project, [plans to retire](#) next year. Keller spent more than three decades at the New York Times, rising to executive editor, before [helping launch](#) the nonprofit criminal justice newsroom in 2014. He'll remain on the job until a successor is appointed.

**Don Peck**, longtime deputy editor of The Atlantic, has been promoted to top print editor. And **Denise Wills**, currently features editor, moves up to deputy editor.

**David Spiegel** [is joining](#) New York Media as head of sales. He was most recently chief revenue officer at Inverse.

**Jessica Sibley**, who most recently served as Forbes's SVP of ad sales, has been promoted to chief sales officer.

**Matt Reed**, most recently an editor on AP's West regional editing desk, [is joining](#) the Washington Post as the Universal Desk's new overnight homepage editor.

**Linah Mohammad** is joining the Washington Post as the assistant producer for new daily podcast "Post Reports." She was most recently at NPR's "All Things Considered."

**Geoff West** has started as U.S. Supreme Court reporter for Talk Media News. He previously was money in politics reporter at the Center for Responsive Politics.

**Karl Evers-Hillstrom** is now a money in politics reporter at CRP. He previously was a reporter at the The Globe, a regional newspaper in Worthington, Minn.

**Henry C.J. Jackson** is now director of editorial events at the Los Angeles Times. He previously was press secretary at NantWorks and is also a Politico alum.

**David Oliver**, most recently an associate editor of social media at U.S. News & World Report, is joining USA Today's Travel



vertical later this month as social media editor.

## EXTRAS

- Trump [is expected](#) to nominate Heather Nauert - former Fox News anchor and current State Department spokesperson - as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, reports the Wall Street Journal's Michael Bender and Courtney McBride.
- Donerail Group, McClatchy and AIM Media [have submitted bids](#) for Tribune Publishing, Bloomberg's Nabila Ahmed, Kiel Porter, and Gerry Smith report.
- Gannett newspapers [won't be pushing back](#) print deadlines, meaning readers on Wednesday morning will have to turn to the web for election results.
- The New York Times's Jim Rutenberg [writes](#) that major book publishers, film distributors and networks "have all helped feed a segment of the media business that should be called what it is - the Incitement Industry."

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Well, I continue to get bounce back messages from your server regarding file size. Therefore, I will need to copy the files to a DVD and mail it to you. The total cost will be \$5.00 for the DVD plus postage. Please send me the address to which the package is being mailed and I will calculate the actual shipping costs and then provide you with a total. As per our public records policy, the fee must be paid prior to the final production.

Thanks, Melissa  
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I am going to begin to email you files this afternoon. Please confirm that you want the files sent to this email address. Thanks, Melissa

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The purpose of this email is to acknowledge receipt of your public records request and to share with you the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Public Records Policy (attached). Thanks,  
Melissa

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The **Collier** County Commission remains firmly in Republican hands for the ... has succeeded, according to the **Collier** Supervisor of **Elections** Office.



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Naples High students risk expulsion by walking out to urge: **'Vote For Our Lives'** ... 10 a.m., then marched about 15 minutes to **Collier** County's Precinct 418 at Freedom Park. ... The students encouraged voters to **'Vote For Our Lives'**.



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Libertarian candidate Kerry McKinnon began **voting** in 2010 and often voted in the Republican primary. Mike **Collier** voted in the general**elections** for ...

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More than 380,000 voters here voted early in the 2018 midterm **elections**, ... challenges from Democrats Lupe Valdez and Mike **Collier**, respectively.

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[Election Day updates: ACLU concerned by county's handling of absentee ballots](#) - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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## An **Election Day** Overview For Greater Houston

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Same thing with Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick in his race against Mike **Collier**. The race for attorney general is likely to be somewhat closer.

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## **ELECTION** 2018: Your complete guide to Tuesday's races

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KINGSTON, N.Y. — **Election** Day is upon us. .... Wawarsing town clerk: Jackie**Collier** and Tess Cooper are vying to fill the final year of a four-year term.

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## Where to Watch the Texas Midterm **Election** Results in Austin

Eater Austin

Where to Watch the Texas Midterm **Election** Results in Austin ... The 2018 midterm**elections** are finally here tomorrow, Tuesday, November 6. .... like Lupe Valdez, Mike **Collier**, Justin Nelson, Joi Chevalier, Miguel Suazo, and others.

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## Here are the 6 races you need to watch tonight

KPRC Click2Houston

HOUSTON - **Election** Day is here, and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ... you'll need to keep an eye on as results start coming in from **election** officials. ... Dan Patrick, a Republican, is facing Democrat Mike **Collier** and Libertarian ...

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## A San Antonian's Guide to the 2018 Midterm Elections

San Antonio Current

D: After winning the primary **election** against education reform advocate Michael Cooper, former Texas Democratic Party finance chair Mike **Collier**...

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## It's Election Day: Here Are The Texas Races We're Following

KERA News

Mike **Collier**, a Houston-area accountant, stepped down as finance chair of the Texas Democratic Party to challenge Patrick. **Collier** was the ...

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## How you can minimize your wait time at the polls

NBC2 News

**Voting** polls on Tuesday are expected to be packed following a record number of ... Also, know how you're **voting** before you arrive. ... **Collier** County.

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## Close governor races to watch during midterm elections

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Read on for a look at those eight gubernatorial races ahead of **Election Day**. ....  
Whoever wins will replace Republican Jeff **Colyer**, who took over the ...

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## Election Day 2018: Lubbock County and Texas ballots

The Daily Treador

**Election Day 2018:** Lubbock County and Texas ballots ... All items are according to the Lubbock County **Elections Office Website**. ... D – Mike **Collier**.

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## Statewide Candidates Vie For Public Educator Votes Ahead Of Midterm

Texas Public Radio

Heading into **Election Day**, there's a lot on the minds of Texas' some 1.1 ... Flores says he'll be **voting** for Democratic candidates like Mike **Collier**, ...

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## Squirrel Hill Polling Location Opens Late Due To Election Judge Suffering Medical Emergency

CBS Pittsburgh

The judge of **elections** suffered a medical emergency Monday night and ... **Collier** District 1 – Only one board member showed up, which prompted ...

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## Here Is How To Check Live Election Updates In Southwest Florida

WGCU News

Once polls have closed in Southwest Florida, **election** boards will begin counting ballots. Here is ... Find live **election** results for **Collier** County here.

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## Voting on Texas Election Day: When and where to vote, what's on ballot

El Paso Times

El Paso County saw record-breaking early **voting** turnout this year, with ... And if you're in line to **vote** at 7 p.m., stay right there. .... Mike **Collier**, Dem.

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It's **Election** Day: GOTV; Ballot Measures; **Voting** Security ... Kevin **Collier**, cybersecurity correspondent for BuzzFeed News, talks about cybersecurity in ...

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### Photos: Voters line up to cast ballots at **Collier** County Library

Naples Daily News

Karen Thistle, left, Penny Lucio and her husband Auggie Lucio stand in line as they wait for the polls to open, Tuesday morning, Nov. 6, 2018 at the ...

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### Brian Kemp, if you're running in an **election**, you shouldn't be runningthe **election**

CNN

**Elections** should be won on ideas, note**election** rules. Having**election** officials dictate the rules for the very **elections** where they are on the ... the count was exceedingly close between Kobach and incumbent Governor Jeff **Colyer**, ...

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### Problems reported at polling locations

WPXI Pittsburgh

The polls across opened across Pennsylvania at 7 a.m. Tuesday for the midterm **elections**. Since then, Channel 11 has ... **Collier** 0-1. Only one board ...

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### Ethics Naples, City Council try to come to terms on ethics referendum

Naples Daily News

**Collier** Circuit Court Judge Hugh Hayes ruled in favor of Ethics Naples last ... a spokeswoman for the**Collier** County Supervisor of **Elections** Office.

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### The 9:01: Early **voting** numbers give Shelby County Democrats hope on **Election** Day

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Suburban voters in Bartlett, Collierville, Germantown, Lakeland and Millington will also **elect** a mayor, aldermen or commissioners, and school board ...

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### Democrats split on Biden for president

Citizens Voice

With the midterm **elections** Tuesday, Biden campaigned for U.S. Sen. ... (Biden) seems to take a little more responsibility for what he says," **Collier** said.

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### The Cybersecurity 202: Brian Kemp's hacking allegations highlight the challenges of preserving ...

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On the eve of the midterm **elections**, Trump administration officials aren't just trying to make surethe ... Kevin **Collier** at BuzzFeed News reported:.

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Patrick, who defeated Democrat Mike **Collier** by single digits earlier this week, also said he believed Democrats **voting** straight-ticket — a move he's ...

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Lee, a Middle Tennessee businessman **elected** governor on Tuesday, now has a chance to help close West Tennessee's economic gap. How?

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She received 590,524 votes, or 49.72 percent of the **vote**. ... or 51.34 percent, while Democrat Mike**Collier** received 3.8 million votes, or 46.43 percent.

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NBC2 News

The drama in Florida's **election** continues to build tonight as three statewide races ... As every**vote** counts, more than 1,000 votes in Lee County will not be ... More than 850 ballots still need to be counted in Lee, **Collier**, and Charlotte ...

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BY MARC CAPUTO, MATT DIXON AND ISABEL DOBRIN

**Good Wednesday morning.** With all the Ron DeSantis news, it could be easy to forget that less than two months ago, polls indicated he'd lose his race for governor to Andrew Gillum. And now it's easier to forget Gillum. But the approximately 542 Democrats hoping to run for president next year have remembered him. They want him on their team. Gillum, however, isn't ready to pick a side. He's got a new plan.

**MORE FORWARD FLORIDA** — In the first week of the new year, Gillum and about 100 loyalists gathered at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Orlando to discuss how to ensure that Florida goes blue in 2020. The consensus: Grow the Florida voter rolls, and engage with voters in a constant campaign. The vehicle: Gillum's Forward Florida political committee. He'll have an announcement soon. Here's what he told us in the meantime ...

**GILLUM:** "In this period of time, whatever resources that I raise and time and energy I spend in this state is going to be around voter registration and deep-level engagement, so that when we have a nominee, we have an apparatus we can turn on. ... We had over 70,000 individuals who took an action in support of my candidacy, over a million good, live cellphone numbers where people opened up communications with us, and we had several communications back and forth; over a million email addresses and hard assets that we built over the course of my race that I have no intentions of allowing to go dormant when we have a presidential election in 2020."

**WONDER TWINS** — "Abrams and Gillum target Trump in 2020," by POLITICO's Marc Caputo and Daniel Strauss: The pair of young, progressive African-American pols amassed so much political fame that they're a must-call for the growing roster of likely Democratic presidential contenders. They're also on some early and unofficial lists as possible vice-presidential running mates. The White House hopefuls don't just crave an endorsement from Abrams or Gillum. Each boasts valuable donor and volunteer lists, in the Southeast's two biggest states that, if won next year, would almost guarantee a Democratic White House.

— **The attention Abrams and Gillum** are receiving from presidential hopefuls is an indication of the growing pull of the party's progressive base and highlights the role each could play as gatekeepers for African-American and liberal voters. In a crowded Democratic primary, that could make them kingmakers for a candidate lucky enough to score an endorsement or, at least, anchors who keep the candidates moored to a liberal agenda. [Read more](#)

☐ ...TRUMPLANDIA AND THE SWAMP...

**TOTALLY NORMAL** — "Washington isn't paying Miami TSA workers, but a Haitian restaurant is feeding them," by Miami Herald's Douglas Hanks: "On Monday, the only Haitian restaurant at Miami International Airport began offering free lunch and dinner to federal security screeners, customs inspectors and other employees who have been working without pay since before Christmas. The shutdown charity special by Chef Créole ended up so popular that the food had to be hauled away by hand trucks to federal workers who couldn't leave their posts but were eager for a free meal." [Read more](#)



**Samantha J. Gross:** "Despite the federal government shutdown, the 2.9 million Floridians who receive federal food assistance will get through February with an early allotment to stock up on groceries, but the shutdown has created a whole new group of people who aren't used to needing help getting food on the table — federal workers. For now, those federal workers can seek assistance at local food banks." [Read more](#)

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE — "'It's a matter of life or death.' Shutdown could cut into Bradenton domestic violence center," by Bradenton Herald's Sara Nealeigh:** "With approximately 40 percent of its employees being federally funded, a local organization that helps those affected by domestic violence is taking a look at how to survive until the government shutdown ends. HOPE Family Services operates the only state-certified domestic violence shelter in Manatee County. Sixteen of its 40 employees are either partially or fully funded by federal monies received by the organization." [Read more](#)

**UP NEXT — "Shutdown may soon hurt Bradenton residents who rely on public housing assistance," by Bradenton Herald's Mark Young:** [Read more](#)

**FRANKEL AND THE FUNDS — "Congresswoman Lois Frankel snags coveted appropriations spot," by Sun Sentinel's Anthony Man:** [Read more](#)

**GET WELL, REP — "Florida Rep. Hastings being treated for pancreatic cancer," by POLITICO's John Bresnahan and Marc Caputo:** Longtime Florida Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings announced on Monday that he was being treated for pancreatic cancer and is optimistic about his prognosis. "I was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and in the midst of this traumatizing news, I found myself wondering not only if I would survive this disease, but also if it would impact my ability to perform my duties," the 82-year-old Hastings said in his statement. [Read more](#)

**MAYBE? — "Is the I-4 corridor finally gaining clout again in Washington?" by Tampa Bay Times' Steve Contorno:** "The Democratic takeover of the House has brought influential roles for lawmakers representing the Tampa Bay and Orlando areas, which some hope could mean a new era of clout for the Interstate-4 corridor. Representatives from the two metro areas nabbed highly coveted positions on House committees and in the Democratic caucus when assignments were finalized last week." [Read more](#)

## TRANSITIONS

**MIDEAST CONFLICT — "Gov. DeSantis, appearing in Boca Raton, plans to pursue sanctions against Airbnb over West Bank policy," by Miami Herald's David Smiley:** "The administration of new Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is moving to sanction Airbnb over the home-sharing platform's decision not to list properties in the West Bank, arguing that the policy violates a state law that prohibits Florida from doing business with companies that boycott Israel. Florida's State Board of Administration is preparing to propose at the end of the month that the popular tourism service be placed on a state list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel, the Miami Herald has learned." [Read more](#)

— **"More than 4.5 million visitors used Airbnb to stay in Florida last year, app says," by Tampa Bay Times' Sara DiNatale:** [Read more](#)

**HELPING OUT — "Pro-Israel groups aid state's case against Airbnb as DeSantis issues threat," by POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon and Arek Sarkissian:** "Florida officials evaluating Airbnb's West Bank policy relied in part on research from an advocacy group that has singled out the company's Israel policy for criticism. That group, the Zachor Legal Institute, sent a report to the state in late November. On Tuesday, Gov. Ron DeSantis threatened the online rental company with sanctions for violating a law that prohibits state dealings in companies that boycott Israel." [Read more](#)

**MYSTERY MONEY — "Which donors sweetened DeSantis' inaugural pot? Most are known, but one is a mystery," by Tampa Bay Times' Emily L. Mahoney:** "When Gov. Ron DeSantis took his oath on the steps of the Old Capitol in front of more than 3,000 people, then danced with the first lady to a live jazz band at the Inaugural Ball, one question lingered: Who paid for this? Because DeSantis' inauguration raised funds through the state Republican Party,



it's impossible to separate donations used for the inaugural festivities and other party needs ... [a] \$100,000 donor is a mysterious Washington group called the Center for Advancement of Integrity and Justice, which listed a Washington, D.C., address on Pennsylvania Avenue and its purpose as 'advocacy' in contribution reports. However, the group has no website and just registered in October 2018 as a corporation in Delaware — a state known for lax business registry requirements." [Read more](#)

**MARY MAYHEM FILES — "New Florida Health Chief Was Once Tied to Record-Shredding Scandal," by New Times' Jerry Iannelli:** "Mary 'Mayhem' Mayhew, Florida's new Medicaid chief, was accused of all kinds of misdeeds while running Maine's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). She was repeatedly sued and fined for failing to follow various rules while working under then-Governor Paul LePage. Yesterday, New Times described a scathing 2017 federal audit stating that Mayhew's DHHS failed to investigate the deaths of 133 disabled Medicaid recipients and also did not report hundreds of cases of sexual assault of the disabled to law enforcement." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...GUNSHINE STATE...

**TRIAL QUESTION — "Defense seeks evidence from school shooting commission," by AP's Curt Anderson:** "Lawyers for Florida school shooting suspect Nikolas Cruz sought Tuesday to pry loose evidence for his defense from a state commission that investigated last year's Valentine's Day massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The commission did dozens of interviews and collected numerous pieces of evidence before releasing its 446-page report earlier this month. Cruz attorney Melisa McNeill said at a hearing Tuesday the defense needs access to that material for his defense." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...THE SLIME...

**LOCAL SOLUTIONS — "Naples City Council pushes forward with septic tank removal program," by Daily News' Lisa Conley:** "The Naples City Council wants all homes in the city's utilities service district to switch from septic tanks to city sewer within the next eight years in an effort to improve water quality. Scientists have identified leaky septic tanks as a contributor to environmental disasters like blue-green algae outbreaks and red tide that plagued Southwest Florida waters last year." [Read more](#)

**SWAMP THING —** Tuesday night, PBS aired the premiere of The Swamp, a documentary based on the nonfiction history of man and the Everglades by POLITICO Magazine's Michael Grunwald. It's a story about the real-life efforts to drain the real-life swamp, the dreams and schemes and booms and storms that eventually transformed America's last frontier into the megalopolis that is modern South Florida. The documentary is now available for streaming at The American Experience [website](#). And if you want to read Florida's backstory, you can pick up Mike's book [here](#)

#### ☐ ... DATELINE TALLAHASSEE ...

**COALMINE CANARY — "Polk Clerk of Courts asks state lawmakers for help as revenue sources decline," by The Ledger's John Chambliss:** "For the last 10 years, the Clerk of Courts office in Polk County has cut 100 positions and slashed its budget from \$15 million to \$12 million. Polk County Clerk of Courts Stacy Butterfield told state lawmakers Monday that the system that generates revenue for clerks across the state is outdated and needs a fix." [Read more](#)

**STUDY UP — "Bible study as mandatory elective in Florida public schools? Orlando pastor says that's dangerous," by Orlando Sentinel's Shannon Green:** "Just a week before National Religious Freedom Day, one Florida lawmaker filed a bill requiring Bible study classes to be offered as an elective in public schools. Rep. Kimberly Daniels, who is also a pastor in Jacksonville, introduced House Bill 195 on Jan. 9 ... The thought of teaching scriptures in largely underfunded public schools in grades 9 through 12 makes at least one Orlando pastor nervous." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...PENINSULA AND BEYOND...

**LONG OVERDUE — "Checks go out to 84,000 households for trees destroyed in state's failed citrus canker war," by Sun Sentinel's David Fleshler:** "The check, finally, is in the mail for South Florida residents whose fruit trees were destroyed in the state's failed campaign to wipe out citrus canker. This week, 84,000 homeowners in Broward and Palm Beach counties will receive checks ranging from less than \$100 to several thousand dollars, as



compensation for orange, lime, grapefruit and tangerine trees lost in the campaign to prevent the disease from reaching Florida's commercial citrus groves." [Read more](#)

**BIGOT ALERT — "Hallandale official faces backlash for saying Muslim lawmaker may 'blow up' Congress," by Miami Herald's Sarah Blaskey and Alex Daugherty:** "A rookie commissioner from a South Florida beach city is facing calls for her resignation after she called newly elected Michigan Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib a 'danger' and said the first Palestinian-American woman in Congress may decide to become a 'martyr and blow up Capitol Hill.' From Washington to South Florida, the post has been called 'indefensible' and 'racist.'" [Read more](#)

**INDICATOR SPECIES — "Florida pulls Keys' ospreys from endangered animals list as numbers climb statewide," by Miami Herald's Jenny Staletovich:** "The Florida Keys' ospreys, the fierce fish hawks whose massive nests dot utility poles, channel markers and nesting platforms up and down the ribbon of islands, will no longer be listed as an imperiled species by the state. State wildlife officials announced Monday that a rare resident population of the migratory birds in Monroe County had been removed from the list in December after a yearlong review found the number of birds rising statewide." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...HURRICANE HOLE...

**BIG ASK — "Bay County to ask attorney general to investigate high gas prices as price gouging," by New Herald's Patrick McCreless:** "Fuel prices in the county rose quickly after Hurricane Michael hit on Oct. 10 and have remained higher than the state average ever since." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...ODDS, ENDS, AND FLORIDA MEN...

**SPOTTED** last night at an off the record Churchill Tommy Gun Society dinner with special guest Sen. Marco Rubio at the Ritz Carlton condo of Jamie Weinstein and Michelle Fields: Phil Rucker, Kaitlan Collins, Matt Lewis, Alexi McCammond, Alice Lloyd, David Hookstead and Mike Needham. [Pic](#)

**RUBIO PRESS SHOP NEWS —** Per a release: "**Nick Iacovella** will join the communications team as press secretary for domestic and national issues. He ... most recently [was] the press secretary and spokesman for Bob Hugin's Senate race. Previously, he worked for Heritage Action for America and multiple years in the United States House of Representatives ... **Arielle Mueller** ... most recently Rubio's deputy press secretary in the Senate office, will be press secretary for Florida issues and the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, which Rubio chairs.

— "**Laura Ortiz** ... currently Rubio's Hispanic Media Director, will also handle foreign policy press inquiries and outreach in the Senate office. ... **Justine Sanders** ... previously Rubio's press assistant in the Senate office, will be deputy press secretary."

**TRANSITIONS — Per Morning Energy:** "Co-founder of the Climate Solutions Caucus and former Florida Rep. **Carlos Curbelo** joined the Alliance for Market Solutions' board of advisers on Tuesday, alongside **Glenn Hubbard**, who is dean of the Columbia Business School and former chairman of the U.S. Council of Economic Advisers."

— **Per POLITICO Influence:** "The Florida lobbying firm GrayRobinson is buying the Eris Group, which will become GrayRobinson's Washington office. 'Our Eris team combined with the resources and depth of GrayRobinson will enhance our ability to assist and counsel you in your advocacy efforts,' Doyle Bartlett, an Eris Group co-founder, wrote in a note to clients that was shared with PI. The Eris Group's lobbying clients include Lyft, the Mortgage Bankers Association, Nike and the U.S. Travel Association, among others. The firm didn't disclose a purchase price."

— "**Here's what's happening behind the scenes with David Beckham's Inter Miami team," by Miami Herald's Charles Trainor Jr.:** [Read more](#)

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**BLESSED ARE THE FERRARI DRIVERS** — "Police: Man said Jesus told him to drive Ferrari off Palm Beach dock," by Palm Beach Post's Ian Cohen: "The Deerfield Beach man who drove his blue Ferrari into the Lake Worth Inlet last month told police that Jesus told him to do it, according to a police report released Monday. 'Jesus made me the smartest man on Earth,' the man told police, the report says, 'and it's so hard to have this much responsibility.' James A. Mucciaccio Jr., 48, caused about \$50,000 worth of damage to his 2000 Ferrari coupe on Dec. 26 when he intentionally drove it off a Palm Beach dock, police said." [Read more](#)  
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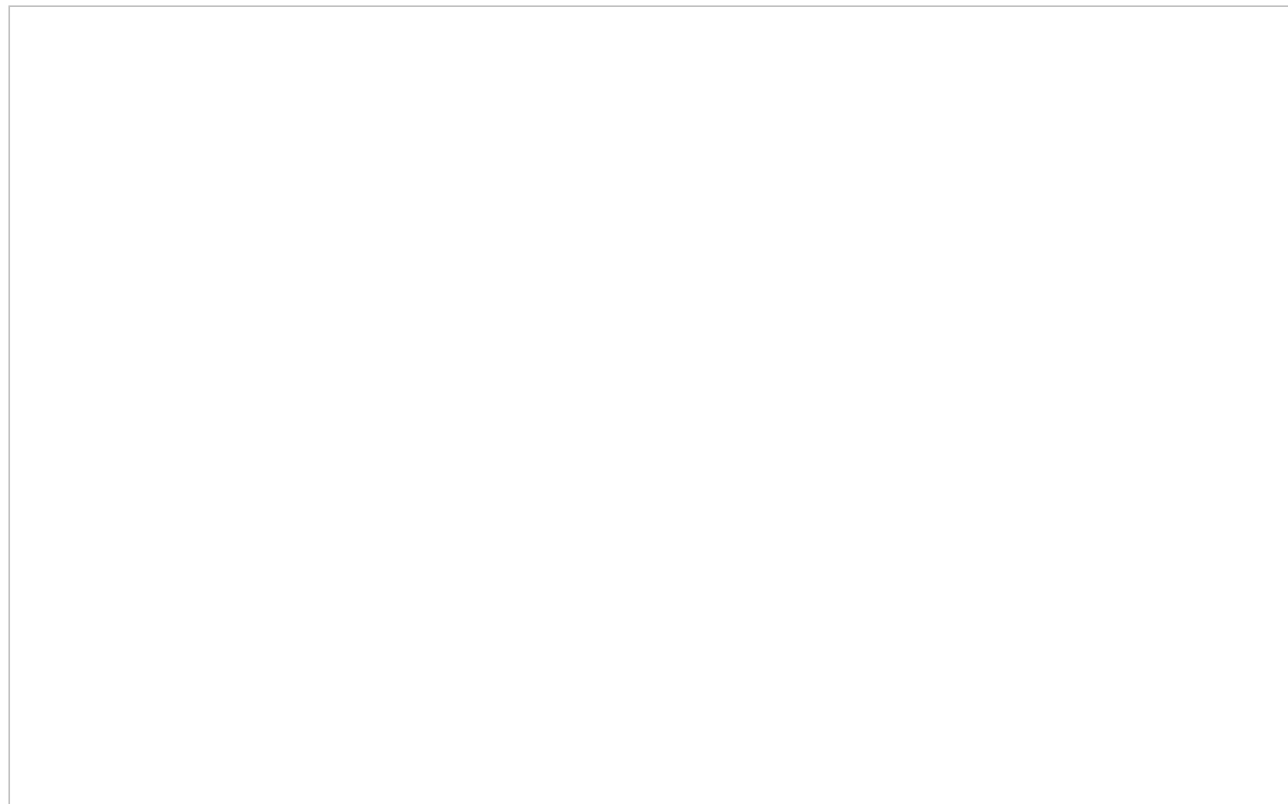
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Kansas’ new Secretary of State is pledging to reduce the spotlight on his office and focus instead on working with local election officials to improve the state’s voting process. FOX4KC [has more](#):

*As a legislator, Scott Schwab supported Secretary of State Kris Kobach’s successful efforts to give Kansas some of the nation’s toughest voter identification laws. When Kobach ran for governor this year, he endorsed his fellow conservative Republican as a replacement.*

*Yet as Schwab prepares to take over as state elections chief in January, he promises to be less colorful and more focused on nuts-and-bolts administrative details, such as making sure county officials apply standards consistently when reviewing questionable ballots.*

*Kobach first won the office in 2010 on a platform of rewriting state election laws, while Schwab believes he prevailed this year by pledging to make the office less visible.*

*“People want things to calm down,” Schwab, a Kansas House member from Olathe, said in an interview with The Associated Press.*

One key difference is SoS-elect Schwab’s willingness to let one of his predecessor’s most controversial practices to lapse:

*Schwab has broken with Kobach by endorsing a proposal from Attorney General Derek Schmidt, another Republican, to strip the secretary of state’s office of its authority to prosecute election fraud cases. Kobach, an attorney, persuaded the GOP-controlled*

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*Legislature to grant the power in 2015, but Schwab, who is not a lawyer, had planned to forward cases to Schmidt's office or local prosecutors anyway.*

*Schwab said he wants to concentrate on working with county officials on improving the administration of elections and to examining the security of data flowing into the office.*

*"Every time you have a person take over an office, it's going to have somebody else's, somebody new's, fingerprints," he said. "We want folk to know there's a new secretary of state and things will be handled differently."*

*Schwab served 14 years in the House, including as its Elections Committee chairman and speaker pro tem...*

*Kobach, who lost the governor's race to Democrat Laura Kelly, was the state's most visible ally of President Donald Trump and served as vice chairman of Trump's short-lived commission on voter fraud. He is the nation's only state elections chief with prosecution powers.*

*The voter ID laws Kobach championed prompted multiple legal challenges, and a federal judge in June struck down a requirement that new voters provide papers documenting their U.S. citizenship when registering.*

*Officials from both major parties said they welcome Schwab's plans to focus more on administrative issues.*

*"A lot of it's kind of the basics," said Jamie Shew, the elected Douglas County clerk, a Democrat. "The focus has been elsewhere."*

Pledges of cooperation notwithstanding, there are still calls from the legislature for Schwab to do more to change Kansas election laws:

*But Kansas Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat, said next year legislators need to tackle "the two biggest problems that we've had" with elections.*

*Hensley wants to strip the secretary of state of the power to appoint election commissioners in Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte counties and have the local county commissions appoint them. In the other 101 of the state's 105 counties, the top elections official is an elected clerk; the four counties with appointed election chiefs together have almost half of the state's 1.84 million registered voters.*

*Schwab said he's open to a change, such as having county officials nominate three finalists for the secretary of state to consider.*

*But he is skeptical of Hensley's second proposal to overhaul the state board that has for decades considered objections to candidates' right to appear on the ballot.*

*It's the secretary of state, attorney general and lieutenant governor. Democrats were upset this year after several of their challenges were rejected by the all-GOP board. Hensley would have the governor and legislative leaders appoint five retired judges, ensuring a bipartisan group.*

*"Those are topics that are ripe for discussion," said House Majority Leader Don Hineman, a moderate Dighton Republican.*

As someone who's followed the seemingly endless litigation over Kansas election laws for years, I can only imagine how much state and local officials are looking forward to getting back to basics in the Sunflower State. While it's clear there will still be disagreements over policy, I'm sure that everyone will appreciate a chance to savor what will almost certainly be a period of relative calm after the storm. Stay tuned ...

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## Legislative Updates

**Maryland:** State Sen. Cheryl Kagan and Del. Eric Luedtke have proposed a bill for the General Assembly that would allow Montgomery County to move to a [ranked choice voting system](#).

**New York:** This week Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) introduced his [legislative agenda for 2019](#). The agenda including a number of voting reforms including automatic voter registration, early voting, consolidating federal, state and local primaries, vote-by-mail and the bit that got the biggest reaction was calling for a designated state holiday on Election Day.

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**Maine:** U.S. District Court Judge Lance Walker ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not require whichever



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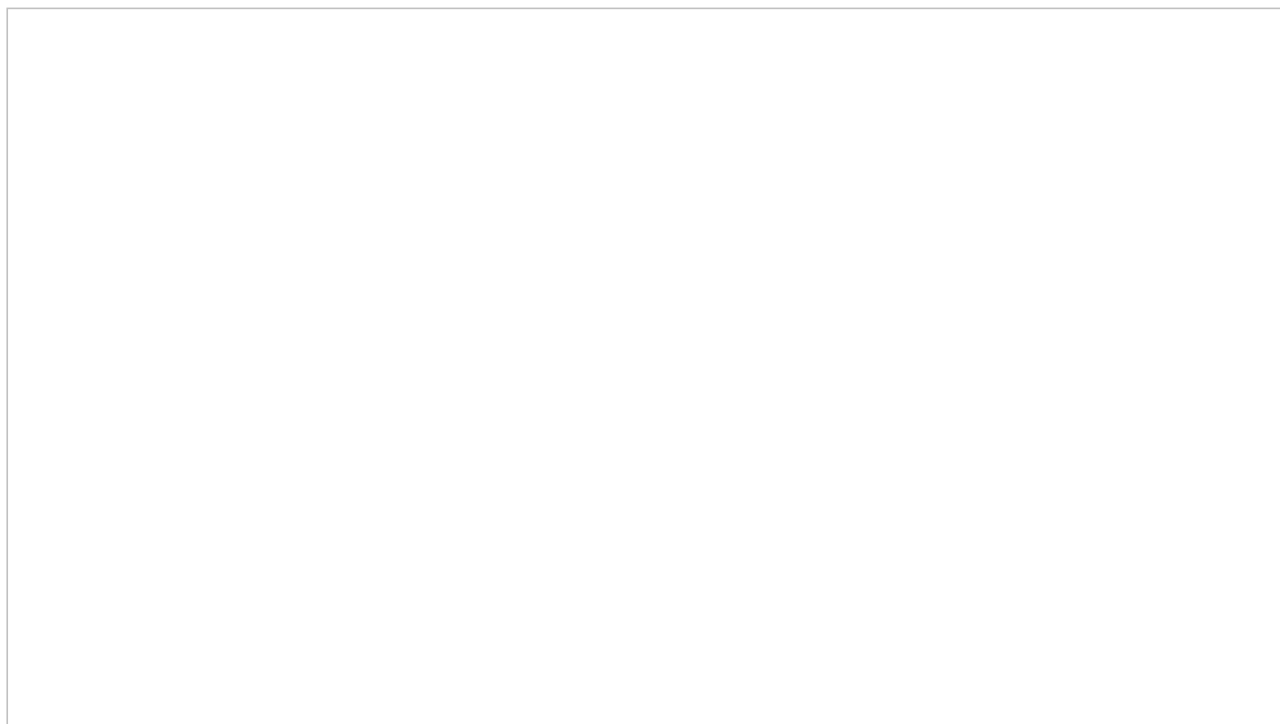
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Kansas is considering two big changes following the election of a new Secretary of State last fall: eliminating the Crosscheck program and removing the office's election prosecution powers. The Journal Times has [the Crosscheck story](#):

*The future of a much-criticized database that checks if voters are illegally registered in multiple states is up in the air after its patron, Kris Kobach, lost the Kansas race for governor and is out of elected office.*

*A spokeswoman for Kobach's successor as Kansas secretary of state said Friday the office is reviewing the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program and consulting with other member states about it. "No formal decision has been made either way" about whether to end the program, said Katie Koupal, the spokeswoman for Secretary of State Scott Schwab.*

*Crosscheck, which had been administered by Kobach's office, compares voter registration lists among participating states to look for duplicates. The program is aimed at cleaning voter records and preventing voter fraud, but has drawn [criticism](#) for its high error rate and lax security.*

*The American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas alleged in a lawsuit filed last year that "reckless maintenance" of the program has exposed sensitive voter information. Kobach has called that lawsuit "baseless," citing the U.S. Supreme Court last year in an Ohio case dealing with maintenance of voter rolls.*

*On Friday, Kobach noted Crosscheck has grown from four states at its start in 2005 to 30 states...*

*Crosscheck was started in 2005 and had only four participants when Kobach took office in 2011. By 2017, [30 states](#) were participating in Crosscheck and more than 100 million voter records were added to the database, according to the ACLU lawsuit. [Eight states](#) — Florida, Alaska, Kentucky, Washington, Oregon, New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts — have left the program due to security risks and data reliability concerns since Kobach began managing it.*



*In New Hampshire, lawmakers are now considering a bill to end the state's participation in Crosscheck and instead join ERIC.*

In addition, the state's Attorney General is asking the Legislature to remove election prosecutorial powers from the SoS, according to the **Journal World**:

*Committees in the Kansas House are considering two bills that would repeal the secretary of state's authority to prosecute election crimes, which was established after a long political fight by former Secretary of State Kris Kobach.*

*Kobach had argued that his office should be able to prosecute election crimes to stop what he contended was widespread fraudulent voting by immigrants living in the U.S. illegally. He was given authority over election fraud in 2015 .*

*In 3½ years, Kobach prosecuted 10 to 15 cases of voter fraud. None of the defendants were immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, said Katie Koupal, a spokeswoman for the secretary of state's office. Two were immigrants who had legal permission to live in the U.S. but who were not eligible to vote. The others were U.S. citizens who voted in two states, usually because they had land in several states...*

*Attorney General Derek Schmidt says Scott Schwab, who replaced Kobach as secretary of state, wants to return to the office's traditional responsibilities of registering businesses and administering elections, which would return prosecution of voting crimes to state and county prosecutors, The Wichita Eagle reported.*

*"The current secretary has told me he doesn't want that authority, doesn't have criminal prosecutors on his staff, and (since 2015) we've created our fraud/abuse litigation division at the AG's office," Schmidt said.*

*The House Judiciary Committee is considering a bill introduced by Rep. John Carmichael, D-Wichita, and the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice is considering a slightly different version requested by Schmidt last week.*

*Carmichael said the secretary of state office should not prosecute voter fraud because it creates a conflict of interest.*

*"The secretary of state and his office are oftentimes the witnesses needed to prove the case," Carmichael said. "You can't prosecute the case and use your own employees as the witnesses, so it needs to be put back in the hands of professional prosecutors."*

This is a time of year that we often see proposed election changes in many states – especially those that have had a change in partisan control. But Kansas is proof that changes can happen anywhere if a state decides it's time either to try a new direction – or just abandon the old one. Stay tuned ...

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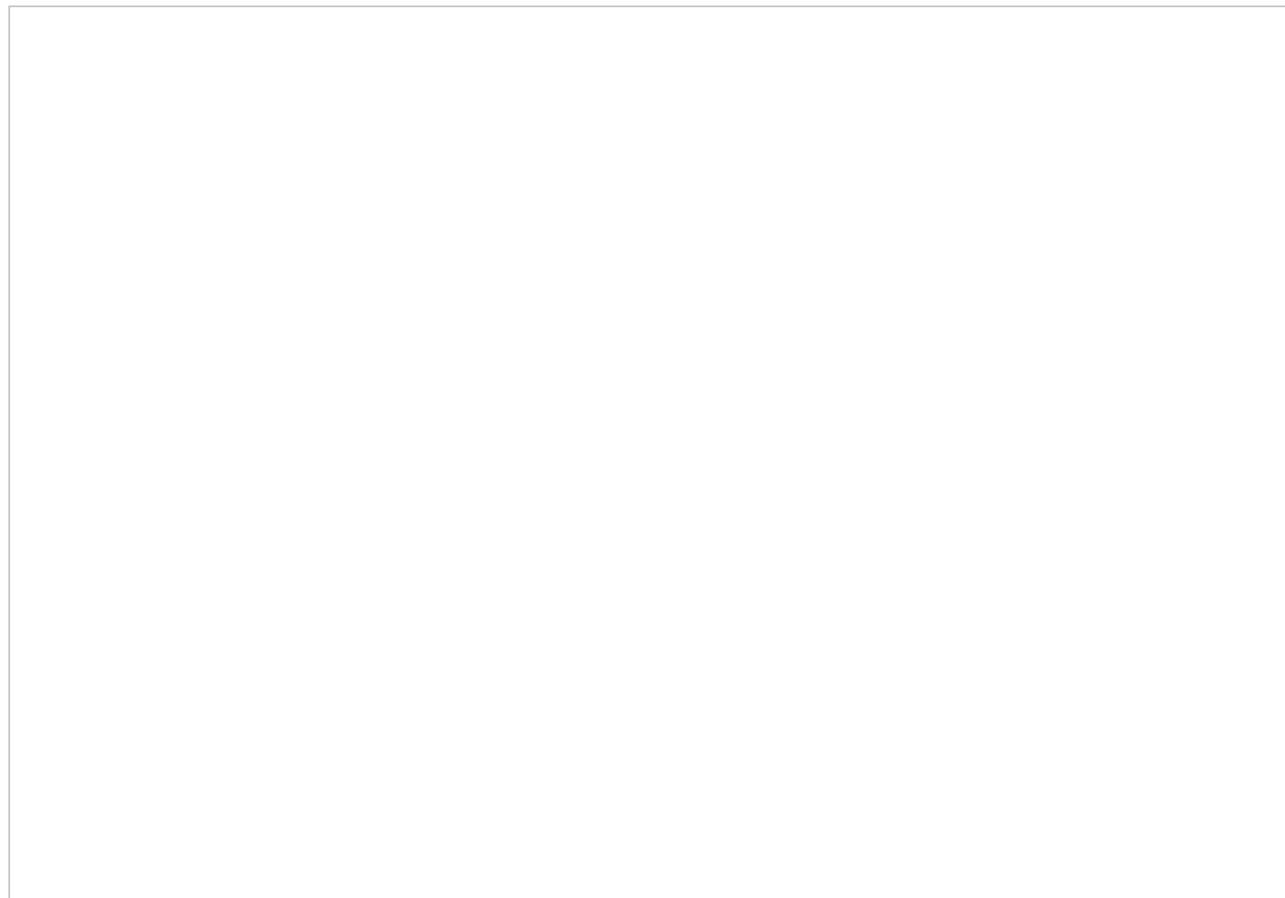
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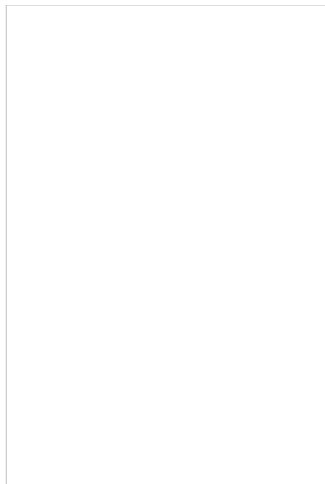
*From implementing the Help America Vote Act in the early days, to tackling the never-ending battle of election security to dealing with a statewide recount for a presidential election, Nebraska's John Gale, Michigan's Ruth Johnson and Colorado's Wayne Williams have seen a lot in their combined 30 years as secretaries of state.*

*All three will be leaving office in the coming days to pursue other opportunities or to enjoy time with family and friends in retirement. Before they close the door on their offices one last time, we sat down to talk with them about their experiences, good and bad, as secretary of state and what are their thoughts about elections in the future.*

*We reached out to all the departing secretaries of state for an exit interview. Arizona's Michele Reagan and Ohio's Jon Husted declined our offers and we received no response from Georgia's Brian Kemp, Kansas' Kris Kobach or South Dakota's Shantel Krebs. If we hear back from any of them in the coming weeks, we'll be sure to post it as soon as possible.*

**Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale**





**John Gale** was first appointed secretary of state in 2000 and then was elected for the first time 2002 with re-elections in 2006, 2010 and 2014. Gale was active in the National Association of Secretaries of State and is the past chairman of NASS' Business Services and International Relations committees.

**What will you miss most about being secretary of state?**

Having managed a modern, uniform, reliable, transparent and accountable election system for 18 years; adopting online voter registration in 2015; acting as goodwill ambassador on behalf of our state for over 5,000 foreign visitors to our State Capitol; initiating multiple student civics programs that reached hundreds of thousands of Nebraska students; maintaining modern and progressive business services to our businesses and banks, helping Nebraska be a leader in business regulatory climate; and, a great sense of fulfilling and positive public service.

**What do you feel was your greatest accomplishment as secretary and why?**

a) Maintaining a quality staff committed to our motto of "Prompt, Personal, and Professional Service"; b) Managing an agency that has been aggressive and pro-active as a leader in state government with online services; c) reaching over 250,000 students with useful and educational civics, international relations, and state history programs; and, d) meeting as Chief Protocol Officer with over 5,000 distinguished foreign visitors and creating positive personal international relationships for the benefit of Nebraska.

**What was the most difficult time/issue you faced (electionwise of course) as secretary?**

Adopting the mandates of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, and transitioning from a 93 county-based patch-work of election management to a statewide election management system with state ownership of election technology and a statewide voter registration system with regular maintenance of equipment and update of software provided by the state through reliable vendors, allowing a uniform, secure, well-maintained, efficient, accurate, and accountable election system, based upon paper ballots.

**As an expert in the field of elections, what do you feel is the most pressing issue facing elections officials?**

Protecting our election systems from cyber vulnerabilities with adequate cybersecurity resources; even with paper ballots there are still many vulnerabilities that must be addressed from state and county email systems, to any methods of electronic transmission of critical data, to secure warehousing of electronic equipment and flash drives, to rapid notification systems to provide early warnings of threats. Public confidence is vitally important and steps must be taken to assure the public that their voter registrations and their ballots are protected and preserved from corruption or hacking.

**What's next for you, besides being able to sleep in on election days?**

I'll stop wearing suits and ties every day after 60 years as an attorney and public servant! We have four grandsons in western Nebraska and Wyoming and one grandson at the Naval Academy whom we look forward to seeing more often. They all like to hunt and fish, as do I. Their dads, our sons, are great companions as well. We have a daughter and son-in-law in southern California, whom we love to visit in the winter. My wife and I also look forward to traveling around our great state to enjoy the marvels and beauties of Nebraska, well-remembered by us from our years of campaigning and my travels in the course of my 18 years as Secretary of State. The people of Nebraska are warm and hospitable people who are fun to visit with wherever you meet them, whether coffee shops, bed and breakfasts, local diners, or tourist stops.

**Any parting words of advice for your successor?**

Three quotes plus my comment:

Warren Buffett: "I look for three qualities when I hire, intelligence, energy, and integrity. Without the third one, the first two make no difference."

Winston Churchill: "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

Unknown: "Leaders motivate. They model hard work and integrity, and inspire others to lead."

John Gale: "You are the constitutional officer for the whole state. You may have been the candidate of a political party, but you must provide the whole state with quality, fair, and non-partisan service. Don't lose your connection with the people. Answer their emails and letters. Listen to their complaints and address them. You take an oath of office; take it seriously and remember it. We live by the rule of law. Let the law instruct you in your policies and you'll keep a steady course. Political values may influence your decisions, but the scope of the law must be your proper boundary."

**Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson**



**Ruth Johnson**

on was first elected to the secretary of state's office in 2010. Due to term limits she was not able to seek re-election in 2018. Before becoming secretary of state, Johnson served as the Oakland County clerk/register of deeds from 2004 to 2010.

**What will you miss most about being secretary of state?**

*The thing I will miss the most is all of the incredible people that I have had the privilege to work alongside for the past eight years. This includes my excellent staff and the many local and county clerks across Michigan who are on the front lines of our democracy and delivering services. They all do a fabulous job of helping to protect the integrity of our elections. I will also miss my role as an advocate for voters, but will continue to promote transparency and security in elections as I move to the Michigan Senate.*

**What do you feel was your greatest accomplishment as secretary and why?**

*In the area of elections, I am most proud of our statewide rollout of new, modern voting equipment in every jurisdiction across our state. We planned ahead and were able to use HAVA funds to cover the vast majority of this cost. Along with a state appropriation, this enabled us to provide the new equipment with the latest cybersecurity features to local units of government at no cost (including covering the first 5 years of maintenance costs). I believe the paper ballot optical-scan systems that my administration chose will help to ensure secure and transparent elections and serve voters and election administrators well over the next decade. Particularly with new cybersecurity concerns, I feel strongly about having a paper backup so that ballots can be manually recounted when necessary. I always say we want a "belt and suspenders", so we have the most up-to-date equipment and cybersecurity measures, but also we have a way to do a manual recount if needed.*

**What was the most difficult time/issue you faced (elections wise of course) as secretary?**

*The statewide presidential recount in 2016 was an incredible challenge. Election officials across Michigan had not conducted a statewide recount in more than 60 years and we had the eyes of the world on us. But this is where planning pays off. The "belt and suspenders" philosophy of hoping for the best, but planning for the worst. We have procedures ready for power outages, natural disasters, and anything else that might impact our elections process, and we had procedures ready for a statewide recount too. I was so proud of our Bureau of Elections staff and of clerks across the state who successfully met the challenge head on with teamwork and professionalism at all levels.*

*Also, cleaning up our Qualified Voter File was an arduous task. When I took office we had about 102.5 percent of eligible people on our Qualified Voter File. I'm not a mathematician, but I certainly understood this was a problem. Since then we have removed over 1.2 million people, including hundreds of thousands of voters who had died or had moved and were voting in another state. We have also removed 3,505 non-citizens, most of whom probably registered by accident and could face revocation of their legal status if they had voted. A clean qualified voter file is the basis for integrity in elections and prevents opportunities for fraud. At the same time, I am immensely proud that Michigan was named best in the country by USA Today for registering eligible voters through our motor vehicles division (which in Michigan it is very helpful that I also oversee as Secretary of State).*

**As an expert in the field of elections, what do you feel is the most pressing issue facing elections officials?**

*Election security, and especially cybersecurity, continues to be a top priority. Michigan's new election equipment, as well as our rollout of a new qualified voter file system, have been great security upgrades, but we must stay vigilant to remain a step ahead of those who might wish to undermine our democratic processes. As part of our efforts, Michigan is now also piloting risk-limiting audits and has strengthened relationships with state and federal cybersecurity, law enforcement and homeland security agencies. As Secretary of State, our office now has a seat at the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center – our state level law enforcement command center and threat assessor. I think this is a reflection of the times we are living for election administrators.*

**What's next for you, besides being able to sleep in on election days?**

*I am unable to serve again as Secretary of State due to term limits, but was honored to be elected by the people of northern Oakland and southern Genesee counties in Michigan as their State Senator, so I look forward to continuing to serve in this new capacity. In the Senate, I will continue to be an advocate for election integrity and to fight against fraud.*

**Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams**

**Wayne Williams** was first elected to the Colorado Secretary of State's office in 2014. Prior to that he served as El Paso County



Clerk from 2011 to 2015. Williams was the first sitting county election official to be elected as secretary of state.

**What will you miss most about being secretary of state?**

Working with the great team at my office and with Colorado's county clerks and their employees and judges. Visiting the counties and ensuring we were providing the support they needed was always a highlight of the week.

**What do you feel was your greatest accomplishment as secretary and why?**

Establishing the nation's safest voting system. This required the adoption of new voting standards, helping 60 counties to purchase machines using those standards, and establishing the nation's first complete risk limiting audit. This new system resulted in increased voter confidence and record turnout in the 2016 general and the 2018 primary and general elections.

**What was the most difficult time/issue you faced (elections-wise of course) as secretary?**

Establishing new voting standards. I was questioned by the legislature and county commissioners, sued by vendors, and sued by counties. Knowing some of what I would face by taking this step, my staff questioned whether I should take the risk. I said it was worth it.

**As an expert in the field of elections, what do you feel is the most pressing issue facing elections officials?**

Ensuring voters' confidence in the integrity of our voting systems.

**What's next for you, besides being able to sleep in on election days?**

Hopefully saving on gas and time commuting without the daily three-hour roundtrip from my home in Colorado Springs to the office in Denver. Since my wife (and newly elected county commissioner) Holly vetoed the house husband idea, I'm reviewing several possibilities.

**Any parting words of advice for your successor?**

As Secretary of State, you represent everyone, not just those who voted for you. Seek to work with folks from all points of view and across the state.

Thanks to all three Secretaries for their thoughts, and their service – and a tip of the old #electiongeek cap to my longtime friend and colleague Mindy who conceived of these exit interviews years ago and has made them a regular feature of her year-end coverage.

Speaking of years' end, I will be taking some time off to celebrate the holidays and New Year with my family, so the blog will be taking its customary "winter's nap" until Wednesday, January 2. Happy New Year to all – and stay tuned in 2019 ...

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*\*Due to a pause for the holiday season, this edition of the Weekly News Alert covers relevant content from December 19, 2018, through January 9, 2019.\**

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**ODNI Assessment Concludes No Intelligence to Support a Compromise of 2018 U.S. Midterm Elections –[ODNI](#) (12/21/18)**

**TLP: WHITE** On December 21, 2018, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) submitted the Intelligence Community's (IC) report on foreign interference in the 2018 U.S. General Election as directed by [Executive Order 13848](#). The report states that no intelligence reporting "indicates any compromise of our nation's election infrastructure that would have prevented voting, changed vote counts, or disrupted the ability to tally votes." Additionally, the report notes that observed interference activity during the election paralleled previously known campaigns originating from nation-states, such as Russia, China, and Iran, which aimed to conduct strategic information operations in the U.S. The ODNI also reaffirmed that preserving the integrity of U.S. elections is a "top priority" of the IC.

***EI-ISAC Analyst Note:** On September 12, 2018, President Trump signed Executive Order 13848 mandating sanctions on foreign entities or individuals participating in U.S. election interference. Sanctions automatically go into effect against any foreign government identified as interfering in U.S. elections. The order also dictates that following Election Day, ODNI must conduct an investigation to determine whether election meddling took place. After a 45-day review period, that assessment must be passed to the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security, which will have 45 days to determine if any malicious actions warrant a response.*

*Consistent with ODNI's findings, the EI-ISAC did not observe any successful strategic cyber targeting affecting election outcomes. Cyber activity observed by the EI-ISAC included normal scanning activity and [typosquatting](#) of election-related domains, while non-cyber activity included mostly accidental misinformation regarding polling locations and times (via text, phone, and social media) and weather related power outages. For a more detailed summary of Election Day activity, members may contact [elections@cisecurity.org](mailto:elections@cisecurity.org).*

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**USDT Sanctions Russian Operatives for Malign Activities Including 2016 U.S. Election Interference –[USDT](#) (12/19/18)**

**TLP: WHITE** On December 19, 2018, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's (USDT) Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) announced sanctions against 15 Russian operatives associated with Russian intelligence agencies for their involvement "in cyber operations to interfere with the 2016 election and a wide range of other malign activities." Nine of the 15 sanctioned operatives are acting or former officers in the Main Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (G.U., formerly GRU) and were previously indicted by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) on July 13, 2018, for "[Hacking Offenses Related to the 2016 Election](#)."

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**U.S. Senate Confirms Two Additional Commissioners to the EAC –[The Hill](#) (1/2/19)**

**TLP: WHITE** On January 2, 2019, the U.S. Senate confirmed two additional Commissioners, [Benjamin Hovland](#) and [Donald Palmer](#), to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), thereby filling the remaining vacancies and allowing the commission to hold a quorum for the first time since March 2018. The newly confirmed Commissioners are scheduled to join current EAC Commissioners, Thomas Hicks and Christy McCormick, early this year.

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**House Bill Designed to Strengthen and Enhance Cyber Capabilities Signed Into Law –[Congress](#) (12/21/18)**

**TLP: WHITE** On December 21, 2018, U.S. President Donald Trump signed into law the "Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-capabilities by Utilizing Risk Exposure (SECURE) Technology Act ([H.R. 7327](#))". The bill requires U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen to establish a security vulnerability disclosure policy and a bug bounty program, and to enhance Federal acquisition supply chain security within a predetermined timeline. The timeline sets deadlines for each requirement, spanning from 90 days to one year after the Act's establishment.

***EI-ISAC Analyst Note:** The bill includes similar components from other cyber initiatives introduced to Congress, such as the Public-Private Cybersecurity Cooperation Act ([H.R. 6735](#)), Federal Acquisition Supply Chain Security Act of 2018 ([S. 3085](#)), and Hack the Department of Homeland Security Act of 2018 ([S. 1281](#)).*

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**U.S. County Vendor Phished Using Spoofed County Email Address – [Government Technology](#) (12/19/18)**

**TLP: WHITE** On December 19, 2018, the Government Technology magazine reported that malicious cyber actors spoofed a Sedgwick County, Kansas, email address in a phishing attempt designed to socially engineer a vendor into providing information on the county's past financial transactions. The county confirmed the scam was unsuccessful and that no sensitive information was compromised.

***EI-ISAC Analyst Note:** Election offices and supporting members are strongly encouraged to review the EI-ISAC Cybersecurity Spotlights on [BEC scams](#), [Spoofing](#), [Phishing](#), and [Social Engineering](#) to ensure employees are properly trained and that mitigation techniques are in place to avoid becoming victim to similar malicious tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs). On Wednesday, January 23rd, the MS-ISAC will host a best practice webcast on Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting & Conformance ([DMARC](#)), which is an email authentication, policy, and reporting protocol, designed to detect/prevent email spoofing.*



**Upcoming Events:** *Upcoming elections-related events to be included in this list can be sent to the EI-ISAC at [elections@cisecurity.org](mailto:elections@cisecurity.org).*

- January 10-11: Joint Election Officials Liaison Conference ([JEOLC](#)), Arlington, VA.
- February 1-4: [NASS 2019 Winter Conference](#), Washington, DC.
- February 2-4: [NASED 2019 Winter Conference](#), Washington, DC.

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## COVINGTON AND THE CULTURE WAR:

Ross Douthat works through his reaction to the kids in The Covington Scissor, with a "raging id" as his framing device. <http://vlt.tc/3isl> That id makes some good points, including: "But you and I both know that what happened on the mall and afterward doesn't fit that cute little Scissor framework. We both know that any rational, unbiased human being who watched all the videos would see that the initial interpretation of the encounter, the one that inspired celebrities to fantasize about punching a teenager and respectable writers to churn out think pieces on the heavy, fraught-with-white-supremacy significance of a teenage smirk, was totally, completely wrong."

A key aspect of Donald Trump's success in taking over the Republican Party and remaking its culture war tactics is that he approaches politics in a way utterly unlike modern Republicans. He can be shameless, unmoored from ideological principle, indifferent to good taste and dismissive of inconvenient facts, but he is unapologetic and always on offense. Think Harry Reid asserting without any evidence, repeatedly, that Mitt Romney paid no taxes, and multiply it a hundredfold.

Polite moderates and conservatives find all this uncouth. But of course Trump's inviting the Covington kids to the White House, because it is of a piece with his overall approach to culture war, consequences be damned. His instinct is to exploit every perceived weakness and never miss an opportunity to undermine the other side, no matter the negative side effects.

Trump's instincts here match up perfectly with the spiking concerns among his supporters which is steadily exacerbated by every high octane drama they see play out in media with regularity. Of course they will circle the wagons around the Covington kids. Unlike the caricatures of "toxic white masculinity" seen by the likes of journalism Professor Jeff Jarvis, they see their own sons being treated like neo-Nazis for - at worst - behaving like a bunch of non-violent teenagers as crazy people screamed racial and homophobic epithets at them.

At some point - after the 2012 election, after the Little Sisters of the Poor, or for the lagging indicators, after Brett Kavanaugh - the right woke up to the fact that the left knows exactly where they want to lead the country, and where they think the country already is. The typical Republican Christian American who once expressed sincere concern about the private lives of politicians now views the left as explicitly anti-religious, anti-white, anti-history, and bent on forcing those who disagree with their assumptions about sex and race to bend the knee and say things those on they do not believe are true.

Republicans view that threat as significant and threatening their way of life. And the media only bolsters that view. In just the last day, The Washington Post told Republicans they are now the American Soviets. <http://vlt.tc/3itv> And CNN told them their hats are the same as KKK hoods. <http://vlt.tc/3itw> Hear those views expressed publicly often enough, and you



tend to wonder what views aren't being expressed.

And social media only makes this division accelerate. Emily Jashinsky. <http://vlt.tc/3itd>  
"There's a moment in Netflix's new "American Meme" documentary when Instagram celebrity Josh Ostrovsky ("The Fat Jew") asserts that "real life" and the internet have "become one." That seems like an obvious point. I'm just not sure we fully understand it.

"The dichotomy between The Online and The Offline used to exist in starker contrast. Of course, reality is everything we experience, on a screen or otherwise. But most of us lived for years with one magical portal to the internet perched on a desktop in our home office. Now the internet is on our wrists, in our pockets, accessible by voice command. Again, this point is an obvious one. We're familiar with the story because we've lived it. But have we adjusted accordingly?

"The best way I've ever heard Twitter described is as a video game. The colorful interface is almost cartoonish, bright and dotted with numbers keeping score of our successes: Post a provocative thought or video, rack up retweets, likes, and new followers, master the challenge. (With the exception of Snapchat, I think it's fair to say most social media platforms operate similarly.) While it's what we've come to expect from apps over the past decade, it's a dramatically foreign way for humans to interact with one another.

"The experiential similarities between video games and social media also condition us to see our online behavior differently, as though it's less consequential, constrained to the boundaries of the screen. This is exacerbated by the way we cling to outdated refrains like "Twitter is not real life." Yes, it is.

"Ostrovsky is right. Somewhere along the way, our mundane online behavior became much more consequential... It's true, for instance, that false or unkind words posted in a forum circa the early aughts had "real" consequences. But the viral mechanisms baked into social media—and its increasing consumption of our time—heighten the impact, shattering our ability to compartmentalize on- and offline activity, dissolving whatever semblance of a line existed between the two realms in the first place.

"This is among the myriad lessons to be gleaned from the Covington Catholic controversy. Many people elevated misinformation about the event with maybe 30-seconds' consideration and the click of a like or retweet button. It's something we've all been guilty of at times. But every like and retweet and response contributed to the dissemination of a false narrative, and the unfair treatment of these teenagers. That's a very real consequence, both for their lives, and for our national self-image. We were all powerful enough to help make this pain possible.

"Of course, the news media (both blue checkmark journalists and actual publications) failed spectacularly in its duty to check facts and overcome political biases on this story. The blame rests primarily with them. That's an important point that deserves to be explored exhaustively. But it also doesn't mean it's okay for anyone else to spread bad information rather than wait for more context."

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#### THE ECONOMY:

No Pay Stub? No Problem. Unconventional Mortgages Make a Comeback. <http://vlt.tc/3itx>  
"During the financial crisis, many unconventional loans soured after borrowers misstated their incomes and lenders didn't ask for documentation, earning them the nickname "liar loans." Today, industry executives say the new unconventional mortgage, now referred to as "nonqualified" in industry jargon, has changed drastically from its crisis-era predecessor and is far safer. Even so, some regulators, consumer advocates and others worry that the growth



in this type of mortgage and rising competition to make such loans could lead to renewed risks for the housing market.”

The Euro area is on the brink of recession. <http://vlt.tc/3ity> “The euro has been an economic fiasco. GDP growth in the euro area has lagged behind that in other advanced economies, and in the European Union as a whole, throughout its life—before the financial crisis, during the global recession and its euro-area encore, and even during the recent #euroboom. Perhaps the area would have done as badly without the single currency. But attempts to estimate euro-zone performance relative to a counterfactual world sans euro suggest not. The past decade has been especially brutal. A list of the world’s worst performers in terms of real GDP per person since 2008 contains places suffering geopolitical meltdowns—plus the euro-area periphery. Greece has been outgrown by Sudan and Ukraine. Cyprus and Italy have been beaten by Brazil and Iran; France and the Netherlands by Britain.”

#### BOOTS ON THE GROUND IN VENEZUELA?:

Caracas Spring? Not so fast. <http://vlt.tc/3itz> “Opposition sympathizers, rallying around opposition leader Juan Guaidó, are holding open air town-hall meetings that buzz with excitement about the legislature’s recent challenges to the legitimacy of Maduro, who this month began a new term widely slammed as illegitimate.

“Bolstered by the United States and numerous Latin American neighbors promising to back the opposition in seeking a transition, the Guaidó-led congress last week declared Maduro a “usurper” and asked foreign governments to freeze bank accounts controlled by his government.

“But with the legislature stripped of its powers by a pro-government Supreme Court and few signs that the military high command is prepared to abandon Maduro, the spring in the opposition’s step and investor exuberance it has sparked may prove premature.”

Lyman Stone. <http://vlt.tc/3ite> “Earlier this month, after a sham election in May condemned by virtually every international observer except North Korea, Iran, China, and Russia, Maduro stole another term as president. Rather than accept this quietly, a courageous young leader named Juan Guaidó stepped up and announced that he would accept the mantle of interim president if called upon to do so.

“Maduro’s thugs arrested Guaidó shortly after, but he doesn’t appear to be in custody any longer. While the bold 35-year-old’s declaration could have vanished into the ether, instead he has become a cause celebre: the decision to arrest him may have even enhanced his fame. Guaidó’s “interim presidency” has now obtained the recognition of the Organization of American States, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Colombia, and, crucially, the United States.

“Confusingly, however, Guaidó has not actually claimed the presidency: he’s just said he would accept it. If he actually claimed the role, he would almost certainly be imprisoned by Maduro’s security services.

“In other words, as a matter of official recognition, the United States believes that the legitimate president of Venezuela is Guaidó, yet the actual office is being held by Maduro. The only thing lacking for it to be a full-blown crisis of legitimacy is that Guaidó has not technically claimed the presidency as his own. This kind of instability is a recipe for civil war.”

#### DAVOS IN DECLINE:

James Hohmann. <http://vlt.tc/3iu0> “British Prime Minister Theresa May is skipping Davos so she can manage Brexit. “May on Monday spelled out a ‘Plan B’ for Brexit that appeared very much like a warmed-over version of her Plan A, which suffered a crushing defeat in Parliament last week,” Karla Adam and William Booth report from London. “May was forced to return to Westminster by a newly assertive Parliament that has been trying to exert more control over what withdrawal from the European Union looks like. ... May refused to rule out a no-deal Brexit — the possibility that Britain could ‘crash out’ of the EU without a deal March

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29, which the government warns could create economic hardship. ...

"French President Emmanuel Macron opted to stick around Paris to deal with the Yellow Jacket protests. "Citizens wearing the yellow vests French motorists are required to carry in their vehicles started weekly protests of a fuel tax increase in mid-November. Anger over the president's policies that were seen as favoring the wealthy swelled the demonstrations into a broader anti-government movement," the AP reports.

"Macron launched a 'national debate' last week to solicit ideas from citizens and to help assuage the anger. Thousands of people nevertheless turned out in Paris and several other cities Saturday, the 10th consecutive weekend of demonstrations." Still, Macron coaxed more than 150 corporate types to meet with him yesterday at the Palace of Versailles on their way to Davos...

"More than 60 heads of state will still fly to the Swiss Alps for the five-day confab, along with more than 3,000 of the haves, the have-mores and the hangers-on. But the meeting in many ways underscores the extent to which globalization continues to be in retreat and global elites have failed to turn the tide of populism."

#### IMPEACHMENT WON'T BE A SILVER BULLET:

Tom Steyer impeachment push takes aim at Dem presidential candidates. <http://vlt.tc/3is8> Warren Henry. <http://vlt.tc/3iti> "Since Democrats gained control of the House of Representatives in the midterm elections, the party's base has become even hotter to impeach President Trump. More surprising, some key arguments for impeachment have gained traction on the right, and not just among NeverTrumpers. The time for this ultimate confrontation may have arrived.

"Obviously, impeachment is overwhelmingly popular among rank-and-file Democrats. In their minds, Trump is already guilty of the highest crime: defeating Hillary Clinton in 2016 without even winning the popular vote.

"In December, a CNN poll found 80 percent of Democrats support impeachment. In November, a Monmouth poll found 70 percent Democratic support. A recent Harvard-Harris poll found only 63 percent support, but the option of censure drew another 24 percent. The left's rapturous response to Yoni Appelbaum's pro-impeachment cover essay in The Atlantic --and to the now-disputed BuzzFeed News story claiming Trump directed his lawyer to lie to Congress about a 2016 Moscow real estate deal--are further indicators of lefty hunger."

#### FEATURE:

Mitch McConnell's NYT Mag profile. <http://vlt.tc/3its>

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The 'stay forever' in Syria troop trap has failed. <http://vlt.tc/3isx>

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Supreme Court appears to rebuff Trump's push for quick DACA hearing. <http://vlt.tc/3ism>

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Trump preparing two State of the Union speeches for different audiences: Sources. <http://vlt.tc/3ish>

Fear of Kobach and 2020 'disaster' drive Pompeo recruitment, say GOP strategists. <http://vlt.tc/3isk>

Divorce filing: U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst says her husband physically attacked her. <http://vlt.tc/3is7>

Climate scientists refute AOC's 12-year deadline to curb global warming. <http://vlt.tc/3ise>

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Former Client Accuses Michael Avenatti of Operating Law Firm Like a 'Ponzi Scheme'. <http://vlt.tc/3itq>

This College President Is Willing To Tell You College Isn't For Everyone. <http://vlt.tc/3itk>

At SHOT Show, Mike Rowe Shares Lessons Learned From Gun Owners. <http://vlt.tc/3itb>

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Joe Biden's career is a testament to the hard left turn of the Democratic Party. <http://vlt.tc/3is3>

Kamala Harris stacks presidential campaign with Hillary Clinton alums. <http://vlt.tc/3isv>

Chris Cuomo's attempted virtue signaling over conspiracy theory about Kamala Harris's eligibility just went terribly wrong. <http://vlt.tc/3isq>

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Viacom acquires free streaming platform Pluto TV for 340 million. <http://vlt.tc/3it2>

David Harsanyi: Worst WaPo op-ed ever calls GOP Soviet Party. <http://vlt.tc/3itu>

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New York Expands Abortion Statewide. <http://vlt.tc/3ito>

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Today's Left Now Openly Aims To Make Christians Second-Class Citizens. <http://vlt.tc/3itc>

How Americans' Social Distrust Points The Way To Religious Revival. <http://vlt.tc/3itg>

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No charges for Chris Brown after arrest over rape allegations. <http://vlt.tc/3it5>

Doping agency forgives Russia, but says more work needed. <http://vlt.tc/3it8>

New Cardiff City striker Emiliano Sala was on missing plane, no survivors expected.  
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NFL prospect Rashaan Gary is a pioneer with own sports agency. <http://vlt.tc/3it9>

The fight over the future of football has become a battle for California's soul. <http://vlt.tc/3isz>

Amazon launching The Expanse Seasons 1-3 worldwide ahead of Season 4. <http://vlt.tc/3it3>

Millennial burnout is being televised. <http://vlt.tc/3it0>

What 'The Rock' Should Do Instead Of Running For Office. <http://vlt.tc/3itm>

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How Johnnie Walker Damaged Its Brand By Affiliating With The Women's March.  
<http://vlt.tc/3itn>

Being outraged by stupid nonsense replaces baseball as national pastime. <http://vlt.tc/3isj>

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A.B. Stoddard: Should journalists get off Twitter? <http://vlt.tc/3is2>

POEM:

Sublunary. <http://vlt.tc/3iqu>

QUOTE:

"If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?" — Alexander Solzhenitsyn



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**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 3:13 PM EDT  
**To:** Logan Churchwell <lchurchwell@PublicInterestLegal.org>  
**Subject:** RE: NVRA public disclosure request

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**From:** Logan Churchwell [mailto:lchurchwell@PublicInterestLegal.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** BlazierMelissa  
**Subject:** Re: NVRA public disclosure request  
Proceed, thank you.

Logan C. Churchwell  
432-935-3840  
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 26, 2018, at 12:45, BlazierMelissa <[MelissaBlazier@colliergov.net](mailto:MelissaBlazier@colliergov.net)> wrote:

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**From:** BlazierMelissa  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 3:04 PM  
**To:** Logan Churchwell  
**Cc:** BlazierMelissa  
**Subject:** RE: NVRA public disclosure request

Mr. Churchwell,  
The purpose of this email is to acknowledge receipt of your public records request and to share with you the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Public Records Policy (attached). Thanks, Melissa

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**From:** Logan Churchwell [mailto:lchurchwell@PublicInterestLegal.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 2:33 PM  
**To:** Supervisor Elections  
**Subject:** NVRA public disclosure request

To Whom It May Concern:

Please review the attached letter and advise when responsive documents will be available.

**Logan Churchwell**

Communications & Research Director  
**Public Interest Legal Foundation**  
[lchurchwell@PublicInterestLegal.org](mailto:lchurchwell@PublicInterestLegal.org)  
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**Subject:** Re: NVRA public disclosure request

Understood. I've received numbers 1-3 so far.

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**Good Wednesday morning.** With all the Ron DeSantis news, it could be easy to forget that less than two months ago, polls indicated he'd lose his race for governor to Andrew Gillum. And now it's easier to forget Gillum. But the approximately 542 Democrats hoping to run for president next year have remembered him. They want him on their team. Gillum, however, isn't ready to pick a side. He's got a new plan.

**MORE FORWARD FLORIDA** — In the first week of the new year, Gillum and about 100 loyalists gathered at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Orlando to discuss how to ensure that Florida goes blue in 2020. The consensus: Grow the Florida voter rolls, and engage with voters in a constant campaign. The vehicle: Gillum's Forward Florida political committee. He'll have an announcement soon. Here's what he told us in the meantime ...

**GILLUM:** "In this period of time, whatever resources that I raise and time and energy I spend in this state is going to be around voter registration and deep-level engagement, so that when we have a nominee, we have an apparatus we can turn on. ... We had over 70,000 individuals who took an action in support of my candidacy, over a million good, live cellphone numbers where people opened up communications with us, and we had several communications back and forth; over a million email addresses and hard assets that we built over the course of my race that I have no intentions of allowing to go dormant when we have a presidential election in 2020."

**WONDER TWINS** — "Abrams and Gillum target Trump in 2020," by POLITICO's Marc Caputo and Daniel Strauss: The pair of young, progressive African-American pols amassed so much political fame that they're a must-call for the growing roster of likely Democratic presidential contenders. They're also on some early and unofficial lists as possible vice-presidential running mates. The White House hopefuls don't just crave an endorsement from Abrams or Gillum. Each boasts valuable donor and volunteer lists, in the Southeast's two biggest states that, if won next year, would almost guarantee a Democratic White House.

— **The attention Abrams and Gillum** are receiving from presidential hopefuls is an indication of the growing pull of the party's progressive base and highlights the role each could play as gatekeepers for African-American and liberal voters. In a crowded Democratic primary, that could make them kingmakers for a candidate lucky enough to score an endorsement or, at least, anchors who keep the candidates moored to a liberal agenda. [Read more](#)

☐ ...TRUMPLANDIA AND THE SWAMP...

**TOTALLY NORMAL** — "Washington isn't paying Miami TSA workers, but a Haitian restaurant is feeding them," by Miami Herald's Douglas Hanks: "On Monday, the only Haitian restaurant at Miami International Airport began offering free lunch and dinner to federal security screeners, customs inspectors and other employees who have been working without pay since before Christmas. The shutdown charity special by Chef Créole ended up so popular that the food had to be hauled away by hand trucks to federal workers who couldn't leave their posts but were eager for a free meal." [Read more](#)



**Samantha J. Gross:** "Despite the federal government shutdown, the 2.9 million Floridians who receive federal food assistance will get through February with an early allotment to stock up on groceries, but the shutdown has created a whole new group of people who aren't used to needing help getting food on the table — federal workers. For now, those federal workers can seek assistance at local food banks." [Read more](#)

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE — "'It's a matter of life or death.' Shutdown could cut into Bradenton domestic violence center," by Bradenton Herald's Sara Nealeigh:** "With approximately 40 percent of its employees being federally funded, a local organization that helps those affected by domestic violence is taking a look at how to survive until the government shutdown ends. HOPE Family Services operates the only state-certified domestic violence shelter in Manatee County. Sixteen of its 40 employees are either partially or fully funded by federal monies received by the organization." [Read more](#)

**UP NEXT — "Shutdown may soon hurt Bradenton residents who rely on public housing assistance," by Bradenton Herald's Mark Young:** [Read more](#)

**FRANKEL AND THE FUNDS — "Congresswoman Lois Frankel snags coveted appropriations spot," by Sun Sentinel's Anthony Man:** [Read more](#)

**GET WELL, REP — "Florida Rep. Hastings being treated for pancreatic cancer," by POLITICO's John Bresnahan and Marc Caputo:** Longtime Florida Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings announced on Monday that he was being treated for pancreatic cancer and is optimistic about his prognosis. "I was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and in the midst of this traumatizing news, I found myself wondering not only if I would survive this disease, but also if it would impact my ability to perform my duties," the 82-year-old Hastings said in his statement. [Read more](#)

**MAYBE? — "Is the I-4 corridor finally gaining clout again in Washington?" by Tampa Bay Times' Steve Contorno:** "The Democratic takeover of the House has brought influential roles for lawmakers representing the Tampa Bay and Orlando areas, which some hope could mean a new era of clout for the Interstate-4 corridor. Representatives from the two metro areas nabbed highly coveted positions on House committees and in the Democratic caucus when assignments were finalized last week." [Read more](#)

## TRANSITIONS

**MIDEAST CONFLICT — "Gov. DeSantis, appearing in Boca Raton, plans to pursue sanctions against Airbnb over West Bank policy," by Miami Herald's David Smiley:** "The administration of new Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is moving to sanction Airbnb over the home-sharing platform's decision not to list properties in the West Bank, arguing that the policy violates a state law that prohibits Florida from doing business with companies that boycott Israel. Florida's State Board of Administration is preparing to propose at the end of the month that the popular tourism service be placed on a state list of scrutinized companies that boycott Israel, the Miami Herald has learned." [Read more](#)

— **"More than 4.5 million visitors used Airbnb to stay in Florida last year, app says," by Tampa Bay Times' Sara DiNatale:** [Read more](#)

**HELPING OUT — "Pro-Israel groups aid state's case against Airbnb as DeSantis issues threat," by POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon and Arek Sarkissian:** "Florida officials evaluating Airbnb's West Bank policy relied in part on research from an advocacy group that has singled out the company's Israel policy for criticism. That group, the Zachor Legal Institute, sent a report to the state in late November. On Tuesday, Gov. Ron DeSantis threatened the online rental company with sanctions for violating a law that prohibits state dealings in companies that boycott Israel." [Read more](#)

**MYSTERY MONEY — "Which donors sweetened DeSantis' inaugural pot? Most are known, but one is a mystery," by Tampa Bay Times' Emily L. Mahoney:** "When Gov. Ron DeSantis took his oath on the steps of the Old Capitol in front of more than 3,000 people, then danced with the first lady to a live jazz band at the Inaugural Ball, one question lingered: Who paid for this? Because DeSantis' inauguration raised funds through the state Republican Party,



it's impossible to separate donations used for the inaugural festivities and other party needs ... [a] \$100,000 donor is a mysterious Washington group called the Center for Advancement of Integrity and Justice, which listed a Washington, D.C., address on Pennsylvania Avenue and its purpose as 'advocacy' in contribution reports. However, the group has no website and just registered in October 2018 as a corporation in Delaware — a state known for lax business registry requirements." [Read more](#)

**MARY MAYHEM FILES — "New Florida Health Chief Was Once Tied to Record-Shredding Scandal," by New Times' Jerry Iannelli:** "Mary 'Mayhem' Mayhew, Florida's new Medicaid chief, was accused of all kinds of misdeeds while running Maine's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). She was repeatedly sued and fined for failing to follow various rules while working under then-Governor Paul LePage. Yesterday, New Times described a scathing 2017 federal audit stating that Mayhew's DHHS failed to investigate the deaths of 133 disabled Medicaid recipients and also did not report hundreds of cases of sexual assault of the disabled to law enforcement." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...GUNSHINE STATE...

**TRIAL QUESTION — "Defense seeks evidence from school shooting commission," by AP's Curt Anderson:** "Lawyers for Florida school shooting suspect Nikolas Cruz sought Tuesday to pry loose evidence for his defense from a state commission that investigated last year's Valentine's Day massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The commission did dozens of interviews and collected numerous pieces of evidence before releasing its 446-page report earlier this month. Cruz attorney Melisa McNeill said at a hearing Tuesday the defense needs access to that material for his defense." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...THE SLIME...

**LOCAL SOLUTIONS — "Naples City Council pushes forward with septic tank removal program," by Daily News' Lisa Conley:** "The Naples City Council wants all homes in the city's utilities service district to switch from septic tanks to city sewer within the next eight years in an effort to improve water quality. Scientists have identified leaky septic tanks as a contributor to environmental disasters like blue-green algae outbreaks and red tide that plagued Southwest Florida waters last year." [Read more](#)

**SWAMP THING —** Tuesday night, PBS aired the premiere of The Swamp, a documentary based on the nonfiction history of man and the Everglades by POLITICO Magazine's Michael Grunwald. It's a story about the real-life efforts to drain the real-life swamp, the dreams and schemes and booms and storms that eventually transformed America's last frontier into the megalopolis that is modern South Florida. The documentary is now available for streaming at The American Experience [website](#). And if you want to read Florida's backstory, you can pick up Mike's book [here](#)

#### ☐ ... DATELINE TALLAHASSEE ...

**COALMINE CANARY — "Polk Clerk of Courts asks state lawmakers for help as revenue sources decline," by The Ledger's John Chambliss:** "For the last 10 years, the Clerk of Courts office in Polk County has cut 100 positions and slashed its budget from \$15 million to \$12 million. Polk County Clerk of Courts Stacy Butterfield told state lawmakers Monday that the system that generates revenue for clerks across the state is outdated and needs a fix." [Read more](#)

**STUDY UP — "Bible study as mandatory elective in Florida public schools? Orlando pastor says that's dangerous," by Orlando Sentinel's Shannon Green:** "Just a week before National Religious Freedom Day, one Florida lawmaker filed a bill requiring Bible study classes to be offered as an elective in public schools. Rep. Kimberly Daniels, who is also a pastor in Jacksonville, introduced House Bill 195 on Jan. 9 ... The thought of teaching scriptures in largely underfunded public schools in grades 9 through 12 makes at least one Orlando pastor nervous." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...PENINSULA AND BEYOND...

**LONG OVERDUE — "Checks go out to 84,000 households for trees destroyed in state's failed citrus canker war," by Sun Sentinel's David Fleshler:** "The check, finally, is in the mail for South Florida residents whose fruit trees were destroyed in the state's failed campaign to wipe out citrus canker. This week, 84,000 homeowners in Broward and Palm Beach counties will receive checks ranging from less than \$100 to several thousand dollars, as



compensation for orange, lime, grapefruit and tangerine trees lost in the campaign to prevent the disease from reaching Florida's commercial citrus groves." [Read more](#)

**BIGOT ALERT — "Hallandale official faces backlash for saying Muslim lawmaker may 'blow up' Congress," by Miami Herald's Sarah Blaskey and Alex Daugherty:** "A rookie commissioner from a South Florida beach city is facing calls for her resignation after she called newly elected Michigan Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib a 'danger' and said the first Palestinian-American woman in Congress may decide to become a 'martyr and blow up Capitol Hill.' From Washington to South Florida, the post has been called 'indefensible' and 'racist.'" [Read more](#)

**INDICATOR SPECIES — "Florida pulls Keys' ospreys from endangered animals list as numbers climb statewide," by Miami Herald's Jenny Staletovich:** "The Florida Keys' ospreys, the fierce fish hawks whose massive nests dot utility poles, channel markers and nesting platforms up and down the ribbon of islands, will no longer be listed as an imperiled species by the state. State wildlife officials announced Monday that a rare resident population of the migratory birds in Monroe County had been removed from the list in December after a yearlong review found the number of birds rising statewide." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...HURRICANE HOLE...

**BIG ASK — "Bay County to ask attorney general to investigate high gas prices as price gouging," by New Herald's Patrick McCreless:** "Fuel prices in the county rose quickly after Hurricane Michael hit on Oct. 10 and have remained higher than the state average ever since." [Read more](#)

#### ☐ ...ODDS, ENDS, AND FLORIDA MEN...

**SPOTTED** last night at an off the record Churchill Tommy Gun Society dinner with special guest Sen. Marco Rubio at the Ritz Carlton condo of Jamie Weinstein and Michelle Fields: Phil Rucker, Kaitlan Collins, Matt Lewis, Alexi McCammond, Alice Lloyd, David Hookstead and Mike Needham. [Pic](#)

**RUBIO PRESS SHOP NEWS** — Per a release: "**Nick Iacovella** will join the communications team as press secretary for domestic and national issues. He ... most recently [was] the press secretary and spokesman for Bob Hugin's Senate race. Previously, he worked for Heritage Action for America and multiple years in the United States House of Representatives ... **Arielle Mueller** ... most recently Rubio's deputy press secretary in the Senate office, will be press secretary for Florida issues and the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, which Rubio chairs.

— "**Laura Ortiz** ... currently Rubio's Hispanic Media Director, will also handle foreign policy press inquiries and outreach in the Senate office. ... **Justine Sanders** ... previously Rubio's press assistant in the Senate office, will be deputy press secretary."

**TRANSITIONS — Per Morning Energy:** "Co-founder of the Climate Solutions Caucus and former Florida Rep. **Carlos Curbelo** joined the Alliance for Market Solutions' board of advisers on Tuesday, alongside **Glenn Hubbard**, who is dean of the Columbia Business School and former chairman of the U.S. Council of Economic Advisers."

— **Per POLITICO Influence:** "The Florida lobbying firm GrayRobinson is buying the Eris Group, which will become GrayRobinson's Washington office. 'Our Eris team combined with the resources and depth of GrayRobinson will enhance our ability to assist and counsel you in your advocacy efforts,' Doyle Bartlett, an Eris Group co-founder, wrote in a note to clients that was shared with PI. The Eris Group's lobbying clients include Lyft, the Mortgage Bankers Association, Nike and the U.S. Travel Association, among others. The firm didn't disclose a purchase price."

— "**Here's what's happening behind the scenes with David Beckham's Inter Miami team," by Miami Herald's Charles Trainor Jr.:** [Read more](#)

— "**Opioid addicts will get immediate care at new public clinic," by Sun Sentinel's Lois K. Solomon:** [Read more](#)

— "**Off The Beat: Woman's apparent 'threesome' revelation sours boyfriend in Stuart," by TCPalm's Will**



Greenlee: [Read more](#)

— "Katharine the great white shark surfaces again offshore Daytona Beach," by TCPalm's Maureen Kenyon: [Read more](#)

— "Monster puffer fish! Angler hooks potential world record-breaker off Port Canaveral," by Florida Today's Rick Neale: [Read more](#)

— "14 cattle deaths in Polk linked to toxic feed; suspected product, made by Producer's Pride, under recall," by The Ledger's Kevin Bouffard: [Read more](#)

— "Feds say 'star' DEA agent abroad stole millions," by AP's Joshua Goodman and Jim Mustian: [Read more](#)

— "New Wynwood Mural Uses Augmented Reality to Spark Conversation on Climate Change," by New Times' Meg O'Connor: [Read more](#)

**BLESSED ARE THE FERRARI DRIVERS** — "Police: Man said Jesus told him to drive Ferrari off Palm Beach dock," by Palm Beach Post's Ian Cohen: "The Deerfield Beach man who drove his blue Ferrari into the Lake Worth Inlet last month told police that Jesus told him to do it, according to a police report released Monday. 'Jesus made me the smartest man on Earth,' the man told police, the report says, 'and it's so hard to have this much responsibility.' James A. Mucciaccio Jr., 48, caused about \$50,000 worth of damage to his 2000 Ferrari coupe on Dec. 26 when he intentionally drove it off a Palm Beach dock, police said." [Read more](#)  
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Dear Supervisor of Elections,

The Bipartisan Policy Center and the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections cordially invite you to a half-day seminar entitled, *The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida*.

**The seminar will take place on December 11, 2017 from 9:00am until 1:30pm, including lunch.** It will be held at the Florida State Conference Center at 555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

The day's discussion includes a series of panels focused on the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration (PCEA), specifically those covering interstate registration data-sharing. We will discuss the implementation of such programs, including the Electronic Registration Information Center, in states across the country and how implementation might work in Florida. Over lunch speakers and invited legislators will present on current legislation pending in the Florida Legislature. A brief agenda is included below.

Confirmed participants include Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill, West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner, EAC Commissioner Christy McCormick, and PCEA Co-Chair Ben Ginsberg. Each will share his or her perspective of interstate data sharing programs and answer questions. Several Florida Supervisors of Elections and other state election officials will be participating on informative panels to discuss the modernization of voter registration in Florida, including steps to improve the security and accuracy of data-sharing programs and maintenance of voter registration lists.

We have limited funding to cover one night (December 10) of hotel accommodations for guests traveling to attend this session in Tallahassee. Please let us know if you would like to access this funding, and we will book accommodations directly.

**Please RSVP to the meeting to Brenna McAfee ([BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org)) or Don Palmer ([DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org)). We will follow up with a full agenda of topics and panels.**

I look forward to seeing you in Tallahassee.

Sincerely,

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- 9:15          **Panel One: PCEA and Data-Sharing Recommendations**
- 10:00        **Panel Two: Data-Sharing and Implementation in the States**
- 11:00        **Panel Three: Data-Sharing Issues: Accuracy, Privacy, and Security**
- 12:00 pm    **Panel Four: Florida and the Need for Interstate Data-Sharing**
- 12:30        **Lunch (Discussion and Legislative Update)**
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The designation, which had been a source of discussion but was still a surprise, raises numerous questions but here are three big ones that define the debate going forward:

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*The designation of election infrastructure as critical infrastructure subsector [means] that election infrastructure becomes a priority within the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. It also enables this Department to prioritize our cybersecurity assistance to state and local election officials, **but only for those who request it.** Further, the designation makes clear both domestically and internationally that election infrastructure enjoys all the benefits and protections of critical infrastructure that the U.S. government has to offer. Finally, a designation makes it easier for the federal government to have full and frank discussions with key stakeholders regarding sensitive vulnerability information. [emphasis added]*

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The import and effectiveness of this designation will depend heavily on what exactly it entails – and at this point we simply have to wait and see.

**How does this affect the federal/state balance of control over elections?** A key issue in the DHS designation was the opposition by some states (most notably, Georgia SoS Brian Kemp) on the grounds that it would tip the balance of control over elections in favor of the federal government – a move many states have long fought. Johnson acknowledges these concerns in his statement:

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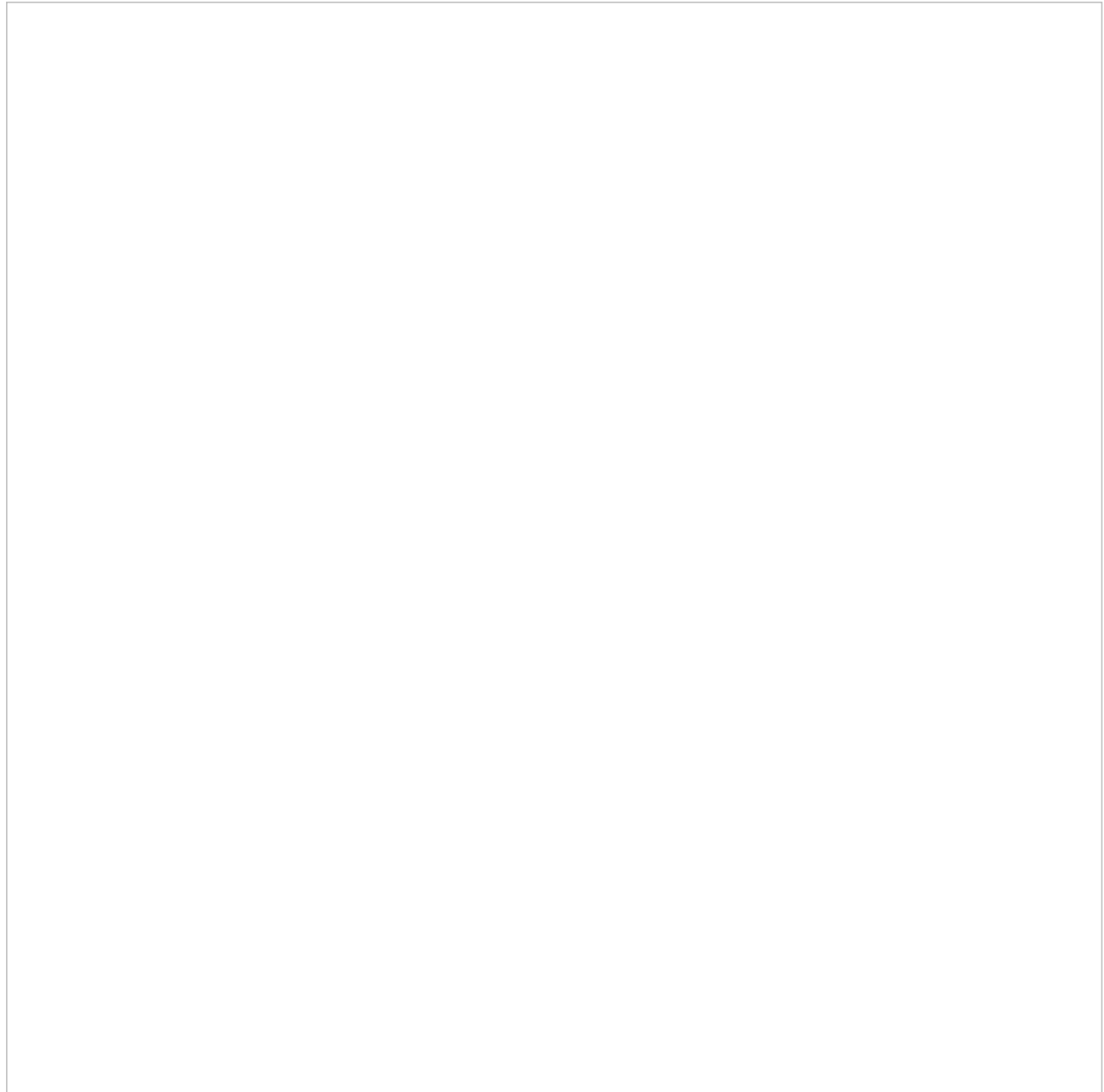
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*Good morning from Washington, with eight days to go before Donald Trump's inauguration as president. Fred Lucas and Josh Siegel report on confirmation hearings for the president-elect's picks for the Justice and State departments, respectively. Nolan Peterson files a dispatch from Ukraine on an ammo issue that could hold up new combat rifles. Plus: J. Christian Adams on why the left targets Trump's choice for attorney general, John-Michael Seibler on the progressive politics that twist Obama's view of the law, and much more.*

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COMMENTARY

## The Real Reason for the Left's All-Out Assault on Jeff Sessions

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The institutional left is afraid it may soon lose enormous power because the Sessions Department of Justice will no longer participate in its radical agenda.

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COMMENTARY

## In Revealing Article, Obama Puts 'Progressive Goals' Before Due Process

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This month, President Obama published in the Harvard Law Review a 56-page commentary expressing his personal views on criminal law and justice.

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NEWS

## 4 Big Concerns From Day 2 of Jeff Sessions' Confirmation Hearings

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In the hearings Wednesday, race and civil rights issues took center stage.

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## Ukraine's Plan to Manufacture US M16 Combat Rifles Hits a Snag Over Ammunition

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Earlier this month, as part of a long-term plan to adopt NATO military standards, Ukraine took a step toward ditching Kalashnikov assault rifles, a Soviet military carryover.

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NEWS

## 9 Issues Discussed at Rex Tillerson's Confirmation Hearing to Be Trump's Secretary of State

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Tillerson portrayed his views on America's place in the world order as "indispensable in providing the stability to prevent another world war, increase global prosperity, and encourage the expansion of liberty."

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## Obamacare a Factor in IHOP Owner's Decision to Sell His 16 Restaurants

When he sold his restaurants in 2014, Scott Womack employed more than a thousand people.

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### NEWS

## Newt Gingrich Explains Why the Media Can't Comprehend Trump

"There's a huge gap between the world as reported by the news media and the world as it really exists," says Newt Gingrich.

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Wylecia Wiggs Harris

Wylecia Wiggs Harris  
Chief Executive Officer

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**Subject:** FW: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

**Attachment(s):** "Invite - FL Data Sharing Meeting - December 2017 .pdf"

Good Afternoon Supervisors,

Please find attached an invitation to attend an upcoming seminar entitled, *The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida* on December 11, 2017 in Tallahassee, Florida.

FSASE along with The Bipartisan Policy Center is excited about this information sharing opportunity and look forward to the presentations scheduled. Several of our very own Supervisors will be participating on panels to discuss the modernization of voter registration in Florida, including steps to improve the security and accuracy of data-sharing programs and maintenance of voter registration lists.

If you are interesting in attending please RSVP to Brenna McAfee ([BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org)) or Don Palmer ([DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org)), they will then follow up with a full agenda.

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**From:** Don Palmer [mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 9:22 AM

**To:** Dana Southerland

**Subject:** Re: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Dana,

Here is the invitation to the December 11 meeting in Tallahassee. Thank you for distributing to the Supervisors. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

Regards,

Don Palmer

Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

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**From:** Don Palmer

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:29:58 AM

**To:** Dana Southerland

**Subject:** Re: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Hi Dana,

Yes, I should get that official invite to you today, and thank you for forwarding to all the supervisors. We will be able to accommodate some of the supervisors (up to 10 or so) who want to attend the event in Tallahassee who may be a bit of a distance away and may need a hotel on Sunday.

Also, I am attaching a proposal on the reception we would like to provide to Supervisors on Tuesday night where dinner is on their own. It is from 6-7pm. Do you think that time works for most Supervisors or should it be any earlier? There really is enough food to satisfy folks but people are able to get a more substantial dinner if they still wish.

Any thoughts on the reception or time? I will prepare an email for you to forward to the FSASE attendees. We will probably  
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request a RSVP so if we go above 40 people, we can plus up.

r/Don Palmer

Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

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**From:** Dana Southerland <[taylor-elections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylor-elections@gtcom.net)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:47:22 PM

**To:** Don Palmer

**Subject:** RE: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Good Afternoon,

Just wanted to check back in with you and see where you might be with the planning of the December 11, 2017 event. Next week is conference and December 11<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner. Let me know if you need any additional information from me or if you need me to distribute information to the association.

Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, look forward to seeing you next week.

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**Subject:** RE: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Thank you Dana! I'll give you additional details as we progress with the planning.

*Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid*

On Oct 27, 2017 8:46 AM, Dana Southerland <[taylor-elections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylor-elections@gtcom.net)> wrote:

Good Morning

I just wanted to touch base and let you know that I reached out to the FSASE executive board and everyone that responded is in full support.

FSASE is excited to co-sponsor this event and we look forward to seeing the positive responses from others involved.

Let me know what I can do to assist moving forward.

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**From:** Don Palmer [<mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org>]

**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 5:14 PM

**To:** Dana Southerland <[taylor-elections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylor-elections@gtcom.net)>

**Subject:** Re: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Yes, I need those blessings.

Don

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**From:** Dana Southerland <[taylor-elections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylor-elections@gtcom.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 5:00:53 PM

**To:** Don Palmer

**Subject:** RE: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Hahaha, bless you !!!

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**From:** Don Palmer [<mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org>]  
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**Subject:** Fw: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

One more try - I meant December 11, 2017.

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**From:** Don Palmer  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 11:10 AM  
**To:** [taylor-elections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylor-elections@gtcom.net)  
**Subject:** PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Dana,

As we discussed, the Bipartisan Policy Center is organizing a half-day panel discussion (with luncheon) on the recommendations of the PCEA regarding interstate data-sharing and pending legislation on Monday, November 11, 2017. Right now, we are looking closely at holding the event at the Florida State Conference Center, the same place the 2015 OVR event was held.

This event would be an opportune time because the Senate Committee hearing the bill may be considering language to authorize such data-sharing. The plan is for the event participants to discuss the PCEA recommendations for registration data-sharing between states, i.e. HB 85 and 87 (Spano) and the Senate version of the bill. As we discussed, there are a number of related issues that panels will be able to address and answer questions, including security, privacy, accuracy, etc..

The plan is for BPC to be organizing and picking up the costs for the event, but we wanted to explore whether FSASE would agree to be a co-sponsor of an event? In 2015, the Democracy Fund/Pew/UF organized a similar type meeting in 2015 regarding online voter registration and FSASE co-sponsored the event. We think that concept of working together with local election officials will work in this instance as well.

The preliminary plan would have BPC bring in a few speakers from out of state and invite the supervisors, key legislators, and members of the media to be a part of the discussion on the recommendations, legislation, and specific features of national data-sharing organizations like ERIC. Of course, there would be no cost to FSASE. I have discussed with some of the new ERIC leadership about speaking. However, we would love your input on what issues and persons to invite/speak at the event.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions on specific areas I haven't addressed.

Regards,

Don Palmer

Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

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Dear Supervisor of Elections,

The Bipartisan Policy Center and the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections cordially invite you to a half-day seminar entitled, *The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida*.

**The seminar will take place on December 11, 2017 from 9:00am until 1:30pm, including lunch.** It will be held at the Florida State Conference Center at 555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

The day's discussion includes a series of panels focused on the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration (PCEA), specifically those covering interstate registration data-sharing. We will discuss the implementation of such programs, including the Electronic Registration Information Center, in states across the country and how implementation might work in Florida. Over lunch speakers and invited legislators will present on current legislation pending in the Florida Legislature. A brief agenda is included below.

Confirmed participants include Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill, West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner, EAC Commissioner Christy McCormick, and PCEA Co-Chair Ben Ginsberg. Each will share his or her perspective of interstate data sharing programs and answer questions. Several Florida Supervisors of Elections and other state election officials will be participating on informative panels to discuss the modernization of voter registration in Florida, including steps to improve the security and accuracy of data-sharing programs and maintenance of voter registration lists.

We have limited funding to cover one night (December 10) of hotel accommodations for guests traveling to attend this session in Tallahassee. Please let us know if you would like to access this funding, and we will book accommodations directly.

**Please RSVP to the meeting to Brenna McAfee ([BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org)) or Don Palmer ([DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org)). We will follow up with a full agenda of topics and panels.**

I look forward to seeing you in Tallahassee.

Sincerely,

John Fortier  
Director, Democracy Project, BPC

Don Palmer  
Fellow, Democracy Project, BPC





**The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida**

Florida State Conference Center  
555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32306

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

- 9:00 am      **Breakfast**
- 9:15          **Panel One: PCEA and Data-Sharing Recommendations**
- 10:00        **Panel Two: Data-Sharing and Implementation in the States**
- 11:00        **Panel Three: Data-Sharing Issues: Accuracy, Privacy, and Security**
- 12:00 pm    **Panel Four: Florida and the Need for Interstate Data-Sharing**
- 12:30        **Lunch (Discussion and Legislative Update)**
- 1:30          **Adjourn**



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**Subject:** Member Briefing: Tax reform--how would you be impacted?

Friday, December 1, 2017

The Heritage Foundation

## Member Briefing

David,

Tax reform continues to move forward in Congress this week. My colleague Rachel Greszler put together several charts showing the impact the current tax reform bill would have on different income levels. I encourage you to read her report and find out how your family could be impacted in the first article today. Greszler also breaks down the current state of tax reform on this week's episode of Mass Ave that you can [listen to here >>](#)

Your support continues to strengthen the future of conservatism through the preparation of young conservatives. I'm excited to share that six current or former Heritage staff were named in Forbes 30 under 30 list this year. Find out more about each one in the second article below.

Last week President Trump stated that North Korea would be added to the State Department's list of states sponsoring terrorism. My colleague Bruce Klinger has been pushing for this move for years. Find out why he thinks this is the right decision in the third article below.

Finally, I recently had a conversation with my friend and colleague Lee Edwards about why he chose to be a conservative. It's good to remember from time to time why we choose to believe the way we do. Edward's decision to become a conservative happened during his service in the US Military after WWII and I know his story will resonate with you. Find out what caused him to become a conservative in the final article today.

Thank you for being a part of the Heritage family. Restoring America would be impossible without you.

Onward!

Ed Feulner

**How would the current tax reform plan impact you?**



by Anne Mulrooney

Heritage is continuing the fight forward for tax reform this week.

Even though the complete details of the bill have yet to be finalized, both the House and Senate versions have enough in common to reasonably estimate its effect on the economy.

Last Wednesday, Rachel Greszler, a senior policy analyst in economics and entitlements at the Center for Data Analysis, published a report titled [“In Charts, How These 7 Taxpayers’ Bills Would Change If Tax Reform Were Enacted”](#) in the Daily Signal.

Each chart shows how different American families would fare under the proposed tax reform.

This is part of Heritage’s continual effort to make Congressional policies transparent to American citizens.

[Read how your family would be impacted by the current tax reform plan >>](#)

Even though the plan for tax reform isn’t as pro-growth as it could be, it significantly jump-starts America’s economy, and will lead to long-term growth.

[How would you improve Congress’ tax reform plan? Do you think it will pass before Christmas?](#)

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## Heritage staff and alumni make Forbes 30 Under 30

by Anne Mulrooney

Your support helps grow the rising generation of young conservative leaders.

Forbes Magazine recently released their [“30 Under 30” list](#), which featured an impressive number of Heritage alumni and staff in both the “law & policy” and “energy” categories.

**James Braid**, an alumnus of Heritage Action, is the Deputy Chief of Staff at the Office of the Honorable Ted Budd and one of the House Freedom Caucus’ top policy minds at only 27 years old.

Forbes recognized him in the “law and policy” category.

**Ann Conant**, an alumnus of The Heritage Foundation, is the Assistant to the Deputy Director at the White

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House Domestic Policy Council and manages the operations of President Trump's key policy arm at only 27 years old.

Forbes recognized her in the "law and policy" category.

**Jeet Guram**, an alumnus of our Health Fellows program, is the Senior Adviser to the Administrator at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, subsidizing health coverage for over 100 million Americans at only 29 years old.

Forbes recognized him in the "law and policy" category.

**Jacob Reese**, an alumnus of our Health Fellows program, is the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Advisor to the CEO at Heritage Action for America, one of the most influential conservative organizations in the country, at only 26 years old.

Forbes recognized him in the "law and policy" category.

**Jordan Richardson**, an alumnus of our Young Leaders internship program, is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Charles Koch Institute and a leading voice in the criminal justice reform movement at only 28 years old.

Forbes recognized him in the "law and policy" category.

**Lauren Salz**, an alumnus of our Young Leaders internship program, is the Cofounder of sealed.com, which takes an actuarial approach to calculating energy savings and originates contracts with 20 years of cashflows at only 29 years old.

Forbes recognized her in the "energy" category.

With young leaders like this on our side we have hope for a brighter future.

[Thank you for all you've done to help support these young men and women.](#)

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## Taking action against North Korea

by Anne Mulrooney

To the left-leaning media, North Korea's aggression is breaking news.

But experts at the Heritage Foundation have seen this coming for a long time.

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Bruce Klingner, a Senior Research Fellow on Northeast Asia and expert in arms control and mission defense, has been warning media and government about North Korea for years.

Last week, President Donald Trump announced that the U.S. will add North Korea to the State Department's list of states sponsoring of terrorism.

It will join Iran, Sudan, and Syria. [You can read the State Department's list here.](#)

In a Cabinet meeting at the White House, President Trump said of this decision:

"Should have happened a long time ago. Should have happened years ago."

Indeed, it should have. Back in February, Klingner wrote a report titled ["North Korea Should Be Put Back on the Terrorist List"](#).

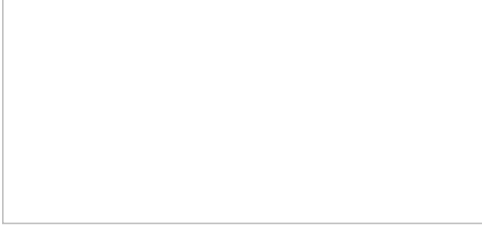
In that report, he wrote:

*"It is long past time for Washington to do the right thing and belatedly acknowledge that North Korea's repeated deadly acts legally constitute terrorist acts and justify returning the regime to the State Sponsors of Terrorism List."*

Even before President Trump came to office, Klingner had been pushing for this exact move to occur.

In 2014, Klingner appeared on "Morning Joe" to ask the government to face the ugly reality of North Korea. You can watch his segment here:

[Bruce Klingner on Morning Joe](#)



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## Why are you conservative?



By Anne Mulrooney

Everyone's journey to conservatism is unique.

For Lee Edwards, the unofficial historian of the conservative movement and author of "Just Right", his journey to conservatism was made in a moment.

"I'm a conservative because of communism," [Edwards told Ed Feulner](#), President of The Heritage Foundation.

In October of 1956, Edwards was in Paris and fresh out of the Army. He tells the story of the moment that changed his life:

*"All of a sudden, we began hearing these bulletins from Budapest, and it was the Hungarian Revolution. And here were young men and women of my age standing up to the Soviets. Standing up to Soviet tanks and Soviet guns.*

*And I was so excited about this — caught up in the courage and the bravery and the desire for freedom of these young Hungarians. And then, two weeks later, the Soviet tanks came back — firing, shooting, killing maybe 20,000 young Hungarians, and then a couple hundred thousand more Hungarians fleeing into exile, because the Soviets were not going to let go of that country.*

*And I waited for my country to do something. I waited for more than just a press release. More than just a U.N. resolution."*

But as we all know now Edward's wait would be in vain.

*"I was embarrassed. I was ashamed. I was angry. And I resolved at that point that I would do whatever I could for the rest of my life to oppose communism and to help those who were resisting it as well."*

Edwards created the Victims of Communism Memorial in Washington, D.C. to honor the victims of the Hungarian Revolution and honor his resolution.

Edwards serves as the Distinguished Fellow in Conservative Thought for the B. Kenneth Simon Center for Principles and Politics at Heritage.

[Read more about Edward's work >>](#)

Edwards journey to conservatism was made in a moment the world will never forget.

[What caused you to become a conservative?](#)



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**Subject:** I'm a Lifelong Democrat. Here Are 3 Reasons I Pulled the Lever for Trump.

**The Daily Signal**

Jan. 6, 2017

*Good morning from Washington, where Donald Trump's inauguration in 14 days likely will bring a more conservative stamp on the nation's federal courts. Josh Siegel sums up what that means. California hopes to make Trump's job more difficult by hiring Obama's first attorney general. Bad move, Hans von Spakovsky writes. How did a retired Air Force general land in the House? Rachel del Guidice has his story. Plus: Michael Reeb on why he's a Democrat for Trump, and Walter Williams on liberals' need to get real.*

COMMENTARY

## I'm a Lifelong Democrat. Here Are 3 Reasons I Pulled the Lever for Trump.

My reasons for going Trump this election cycle weren't a surprise to my hometown friends in Rust Belt Butler, Pennsylvania, home of the world's first Jeep.

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NEWS

## A General Joins the House's Conservative Ranks as New Congress Convenes

Six months shy of serving 30 years, Brig. Gen. Don Bacon decided to end his Air Force career so he could speak out on the concerning direction he saw the country taking.

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COMMENTARY

## California's Embarrassing Hire of a Failed Attorney General to Take on Trump

The California Legislature is hiring former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to represent the state in expected fights with the new Trump administration over environmental, immigration, and criminal justice issues.

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NEWS

## Trump's 'Historic' Opportunity to Reshape the Federal Courts

In addition to the vacant Supreme Court seat, Trump will inherit at least 103 openings in the lower courts, nearly double the 54 openings Obama had upon taking office in 2009.

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**The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida**

Florida State Conference Center  
555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32306

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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- 12:30      **Lunch (Discussion and Legislative Update)**





Dear Supervisor of Elections,

The Bipartisan Policy Center and the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections cordially invite you to a half-day seminar entitled, *The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida*.

**The seminar will take place on December 11, 2017 from 9:00am until 1:30pm, including lunch.** It will be held at the Florida State Conference Center at 555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

The day's discussion includes a series of panels focused on the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration (PCEA), specifically those covering interstate registration data-sharing. We will discuss the implementation of such programs, including the Electronic Registration Information Center, in states across the country and how implementation might work in Florida. Over lunch speakers and invited legislators will present on current legislation pending in the Florida Legislature. A brief agenda is included below.

Confirmed participants include Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill, West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner, EAC Commissioner Christy McCormick, and PCEA Co-Chair Ben Ginsberg. Each will share his or her perspective of interstate data sharing programs and answer questions. Several Florida Supervisors of Elections and other state election officials will be participating on informative panels to discuss the modernization of voter registration in Florida, including steps to improve the security and accuracy of data-sharing programs and maintenance of voter registration lists.

We have limited funding to cover one night (December 10) of hotel accommodations for guests traveling to attend this session in Tallahassee. Please let us know if you would like to access this funding, and we will book accommodations directly.

**Please RSVP to the meeting to Brenna McAfee ([BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org)) or Don Palmer ([DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org)). We will follow up with a full agenda of topics and panels.**

I look forward to seeing you in Tallahassee.

Sincerely,

John Fortier  
Director, Democracy Project, BPC

Don Palmer  
Fellow, Democracy Project, BPC





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- 1:30          **Adjourn**



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**Attachment(s):** "Agenda - BPC Florida Data Sharing Meeting December 11 2017.pdf"

Please see a last minute reminder from Donald Palmer below:

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**Subject:** Re: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Supervisors,

It was a truly a pleasure to see so many of you all at the FSASE Conference!

I just wanted to remind everyone of our upcoming meeting in Tallahassee on Monday to discuss the interstate data-sharing recommendations of the PCEA, including the ERIC project - the time of the seminar is from 9:30am-1:30pm. Breakfast and COFFEE start at 9am and the Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill will be our luncheon speaker.

All the details are on the attached agenda - we will have PCEA Co-Chair Ben Ginsberg, EAC Commissioner McCormick, WV Secretary Mac Warner and other state election officials participating on panels with our Florida Supervisors of Elections.

If you haven't already, go ahead and RSVP. I promise there will be COFFEE even if you are a few minutes late. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Regards,

Don Palmer

Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

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**Cc:** Don Palmer; Taylor

**Subject:** FW: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Good Afternoon Supervisors,

Please find attached an invitation to attend an upcoming seminar entitled, *The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida* on December 11, 2017 in Tallahassee, Florida.

FSASE along with The Bipartisan Policy Center is excited about this information sharing opportunity and look forward to the presentations scheduled. Several of our very own Supervisors will be participating on panels to discuss the modernization of voter registration in Florida, including steps to improve the security and accuracy of data-sharing programs and maintenance of voter registration lists.

If you are interesting in attending please RSVP to Brenna McAfee ([BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org)) or Don Palmer ([DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org)), they will then follow up with a full agenda.



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Saturday, December 9, 2017

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## Member Briefing

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David,

Last Saturday morning the Senate finally passed their tax reform bill moving a much-needed overhaul of our tax code one step further. The next step is for the House and Senate members to meet in Conference to reach an agreement on what the final bill will contain. Heritage tax expert Adam Michel [released a statement](#) after the passage of the Senate's bill and also [created a chart](#) comparing the Senate and House's version of the bill. In addition, my colleague Rachel Greszler [recently demonstrated](#) several examples of how retirees would save money through tax reform. Also, the White House is taking note of our research in their daily West Wing Reads and has mentioned our work on tax reform several times this week.

As part of Heritage's commitment to be your voice for conservative principles in Washington our experts are constantly testifying before Congress on the top issues of our day. I'd like to highlight three of their most recent testimonies.

First, General Thomas Spoehr testified last Thursday before the Senate Armed Services Committee on his recommendations for a future National Defense Strategy.

Second, my colleague Nile Gardiner testified before the House Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats Committee last Wednesday on the US-UK relationship and its role in addressing terrorism and rogue nations.

Third, Heritage legal expert Hans von Spakovsky testified before the House Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet on federal overreach in our court system.

Read more about these testimonies in the articles below.

Also, read how Heritage played a significant role in one of the largest cases against religious liberty--the case against the cake baker in Colorado who refused to bake a cake for a homosexual couple because of his religious beliefs. Find out more about the work we've done in the last article today.

Thank you for being a part of the Heritage family. Restoring America would be impossible without you.



Onward!

Ed Feulner

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## **Creating policies that keep America safe**

by Anne Mulrooney

This Thursday, General Thomas Spoehr, retired Army lieutenant general and director of Heritage's Center for National Defense, testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee on his recommendations for a future National Defense Strategy.

Spoehr served in the Army for more than 36 years and attained the rank of lieutenant general before retiring.

In October, he published a report titled "[Rules For Getting Defense Strategy Right](#)" in War on the Rocks, a foreign policy magazine.

In that report, he writes:

*"A real defense strategy would provide clear priorities, identify America's competitive advantages and how to capitalize on them, and deal with the world — and the enemies it offers — as it is. The need for a new NDS could not be more acute, but previous efforts have had decidedly mixed results. Will this one succeed where others have failed? We are about to find out."*

He recommends:

- The NDS should evaluate the military's efficiency on the criteria of its ability to protect our national interests.
- A defense strategy that prioritizes smart choices over complete inclusiveness should be implemented.
- All strategies must be directive, not just descriptive.

Your support helps impact these critical decisions that keep our country safe.

[How can we improve our national defense strategy?](#)

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# **Heritage expert testifies to strengthen the U.S.-UK relationship**

by Anne Mulrooney

Your support helps strengthen ties between nations that defend the free world.

Last year, the British people voted to exit the European Union in a movement known as “Brexit”.

That decision to leave the EU strengthened the partnership between the United States and the United Kingdom.

If this new alliance between the United States and Britain is to thrive, then the Trump administration must make clear that Brexit is positive and will strengthen the trans-Atlantic alliance.

That’s what Nile Gardiner, Ph.D. and Director of the Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, testified about before the House Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats Committee on Wednesday.

[You can watch his testimony here >>](#)

From trade to security, the Trump administration is in the process of negotiating our country’s new relationship with the newly exited Britain.

Committee members heard from Gardiner on the Anglo-American relationship and its role against international terrorism and rogue states.

Great Britain and the United States need to stand together so they can not only maintain their own trade deals, but to stand strong in the global war against ISIS and al-Qaeda, as well as threats from Russian.

The world stage needs U.S.-British leadership to defend its democratic freedom.

[How can the U.S.-UK relationship be strengthened?](#)

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## **Reigning in Federal government overreach**



by Anne Mulrooney

Last Thursday, Hans von Spakovsky, Senior Legal Fellow at the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, testified before the House Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the administration of U.S. courts, federal rules of evidence, civil and appellate procedures, judicial ethics, patent and trademark laws, information technology, and other matters referred by the Chairman.

Von Spakovsky is an expert on civil rights, civil justice, the First Amendment, immigration, the rule of law and government reform.

For years, he's been studying how plaintiffs' attorneys and activists attempt to manipulate courts for their own ends at the expense of the public.

Thanks to your support, he had the opportunity to address the role and impact of nationwide injunctions which cut this process of deliberation short by allowing single lower courts to make laws and set precedents for the rest of the country.

Our founding fathers would say that federal courts lower than the Supreme Court shouldn't be able to make nationwide laws; one circuit's precedent shouldn't bind another's.

This is because complicated legal questions are better answered when they have the opportunity to be viewed by a variety of judges with a variety of perspectives.

A lengthy process of deliberation is essential to preserving sound reason and logic in our legal system.

In his testimony, von Spakovsky said:

*"When federal district courts issue nationwide injunctions, they are invading jurisdiction and authority of other federal courts and other appellate circuits."*

Your support helps advocate for a return to these constitutional principles.

[Have the powers of federal district courts gone too far?](#)

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## **Heritage stands against religious discrimination**

By Anne Mulrooney

At Heritage, we believe the religious beliefs of both individuals and organizations should be respected by

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law.

Your support helps protect religious liberty by defending citizens' consciences from government overreach.

When Jack Phillips, a cake artist and baker from Colorado, declined to make a custom cake for a same-sex wedding, the gay couple filed a complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

The Colorado judge determined he had engaged in sexual-orientation discrimination. But all Jack wanted to do was run his business in accordance with his religious beliefs.

In September, [Jack came to Heritage](#) to discuss the challenges of creating art, doing business, and stay true to his conscience in modern times. Now, his legal battle has made its way to the Supreme Court.

In this case, Justices will decide whether states can compel business owners like Jack to create speech that violates their sincerely held religious beliefs.

In Jack's view, the creation of a cake for a gay wedding is a form of speech; it conveys a message about the validity of gay marriage.

This message violates his sincerely held religious belief that marriage is a sacred promise made between a man and a woman.

Jack believes he should be able to run his business in accordance with his beliefs, and that the state should not compel him to express views that violate his conscience.

Oral arguments were held this past Tuesday at the Supreme Court. On Wednesday, Heritage hosted an event titled "Free Speech Takes the Cake: Can States Compel Speech?"

Kristen Waggoner, the Senior Vice President of Alliance Defending Freedom and Counsel for Jack Phillips was present, alongside Ilya Shapiro, a Senior Fellow in Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute, and Lloyd Cohen, a law professor at George Mason University.

[You can watch a livestream of the discussion here >>](#)

The stakes of this case are high. The future of free speech and the government respecting its citizens' religious beliefs hangs in the balance.

Creative professionals all over the country have filed amicus briefs supporting Jack and the rights of artists to utter – and not utter – messages that align with their values.

Artists who care about their right to decline to use their creativity on projects that violate their consciences should stand with Jack.

We need to protect religious freedom so that the pursuit of truth can unfold naturally in public discourse, without government intervention and punishment.

Your support helps protect people like Jack, who live their faith even when it's counter-cultural.



[Should Jack be forced to bake a cake for a ceremony that goes against his religious conscience?](#)

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## NOT GOOD, BOB:

Some 375 out of the reported more than 10,000 text messages between ex-Mueller team FBI agent Peter Strzok and his mistress Lisa Page have now been handed over to Congress. <http://vlt.tc/33tv> As was previously reported, there's plenty of "Trump's an idiot" and "Hillary deserves to win" talk, which in the confines of DC rates as fairly conventional pillow talk between two passionate lovers. But there's something much worse for the FBI than just calling Trump an 'idiot', which is itself just expressing an opinion and not an opinion that would prevent one from working on a case – indeed, I expect most of the FBI would agree with it. <http://vlt.tc/33tu> The more problematic element is that these agents' text messages discuss an investigation as an 'insurance policy' in case of a Trump victory. <http://vlt.tc/33uy> Cue the maid from Get Out: Oh, no. No no no no no. Nooooo.

Not good, Bob. <http://vlt.tc/33v4> "Throughout the primary season in 2016, Strzok and Page appeared to dread a Trump victory, according to the messages reviewed by CNN. "I cannot believe Donald Trump is likely to be an actual, serious candidate for president," Page texted Strzok on March 16, 2016. "God(,) Trump is a loathsome human," Page added in another, to which Strzok replies: "Yet he may win."

"The two appear to have exchanged text messages on a range of topics, particularly during presidential debates and the 2016 political conventions -- on everything from Melania Trump's convention speech to a thinly veiled comment Trump made about his hands.

"Later in a text from August 15, 2016, Strzok tells Page: "I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy's office" -- an apparent reference to Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe -- "that there's no way he gets elected -- but I'm afraid we can't take that risk. It's like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you're 40 . . . ." Page does not appear to have responded, according to records reviewed by CNN.

"As the former No. 2 official in counterintelligence, Strzok helped lead the FBI's investigation of Hillary Clinton's private email server and was involved in opening the investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 US presidential election, but he was reassigned to the human resources division this summer. Page was also briefly on Mueller's team before returning to the FBI, but she completed her detail before the special counsel's office was made aware of the texts."

Byron York. <http://vlt.tc/33vx> "The exchange occurred in the early weeks of the FBI's investigation into alleged collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign. When he was still director, James Comey told the House Intelligence Committee that the Trump-Russia probe began "in late July" 2016. So, it had been going for two or three weeks when Strzok wrote the "insurance policy" text.

"Strzok played a large role in that investigation. It's not clear exactly how closely involved Page was, but she worked for McCabe, and she was part of Comey's "skinny group" of trusted advisers.

"The Justice Department showed the text to reporters Tuesday night, prior to deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein's appearance before the House Judiciary Committee. Officials say there are about 10,000 Strzok-Page texts in all, but reporters were shown only about 375 of



them.”

The WSJ editorializes: <http://vlt.tc/33w2> “In another exchange that month, Ms. Page forwarded a Trump-related article and wrote: “Maybe you’re meant to stay where you are because you’re meant to protect the country from that menace.” He thanked her and assured: “Of course I’ll try and approach it that way.” Mr. Strzok, recall, is the man who changed the words “grossly negligent” to “extremely careless” in James Comey’s July 2016 public exoneration of Hillary Clinton’s emails.

“The McCabe meeting came on the heels of the FBI’s launch of its counterintelligence probe into Trump-Russia ties. July is also when former British spook Christopher Steele briefed the FBI on his Clinton-financed dossier of salacious allegations against Mr. Trump. The texts explain why Mr. Mueller would remove Mr. Strzok, though a straight shooter wouldn’t typically resist turning those messages over to Congress for as long as Mr. Mueller did.

“Meanwhile, we’re learning more about the political motives of Mr. Mueller’s lieutenant, Andrew Weissmann. Judicial Watch last week released an email in which Mr. Weissmann expressed his “awe” and praise for Sally Yates, after the then acting AG and Obama holdover refused to implement Mr. Trump’s travel ban.

“This should trouble anyone who cares about the integrity of the Justice Department. Ms. Yates had every right to resign at the time if she felt she couldn’t implement Mr. Trump’s order. But she had no authority as an executive branch official to defy a legitimate presidential order. Mr. Weissmann’s support for her insubordination was a declaration that he is part of the “resistance.” This should be unacceptable in a ranking FBI official, much less someone charged with conducting a fair-minded investigation.

“Public confidence isn’t helped by the continuing Justice and FBI refusal to cooperate with Congress. Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who supervises Mr. Mueller, toed the Mueller-FBI line on Wednesday before the House Oversight Committee. He repeated FBI Director Christopher Wray’s preposterous excuse that he can’t answer questions because of an Inspector General probe. And he wouldn’t elaborate on the news that Nellie Ohr, the wife of senior Justice official Bruce Ohr, worked for Fusion GPS, which hired Mr. Steele to gin up his dossier.”

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## THE ECONOMY:

Republicans tax bill in final sprint across finish line. <http://vlt.tc/33uw> “Party leaders in the House and Senate agreed in principle to bridge the yawning gaps between their competing versions of the 1.5 trillion tax bill, keeping Republicans on track for final votes next week with the aim of delivering a bill to President Trump’s desk by Christmas. The House and Senate versions of the tax bill started from the same core principles — sharply cutting taxes on businesses, while reducing rates and eliminating some breaks for individuals — but diverged on several crucial details. In the end, more of the Senate bill appeared to be included in the final version, though lawmakers continued to make significant changes from the legislation that passed either the House or the Senate.” Dems urge GOP to delay tax vote till Jones takes seat. <http://vlt.tc/33ux>

The working class that wasn’t. <http://vlt.tc/33v1> “A new brief by the Center of American Progress, a liberal think tank, lays out the demographics of workers without college degrees—and how they have changed over time. A fact that may come as a surprise to some: those employed in the industrial sector—in factory, construction, or mining jobs—didn’t make up the bulk of this group even in the early 20th century. In 1940, only a third of the working class did these jobs; almost half worked in service and the rest, in agriculture. Even when the industrial share of working Americans peaked in the 1960s, it only came up to 37 percent.



After that, it fell steadily; in 2015, it was down to 21 percent. An overwhelming 76 percent of working people do service jobs in industries such as retail or health care.”

### **ROY MOORE LOST BECAUSE WHITE EVANGELICALS STAYED HOME:**

Lyman Stone. <http://vlt.tc/33vu> “Exit polls from the Alabama Senate special election on Tuesday show that Roy Moore got 80 percent of the white evangelical vote, but nonetheless went down to defeat. This is shocking, because white evangelicals are a big share of Alabama’s population. Indeed, public polling on religion suggests Alabama should be the third-strongest-state for white evangelicals! Only Tennessee, West Virginia, and Arkansas have more of us than Alabama has. So if it’s a big voting bloc and they’re 80 percent for a candidate, shouldn’t that candidate win?”

“This is where opinion polling gets tricky. The exit poll from Alabama shows that white evangelicals made up about 44 percent of the electorate, versus somewhere between 35 percent and 47 percent of the general population, depending on which polls and methods you use. White evangelicals were probably slightly over-represented in the electorate versus their population share, indicating they had higher turnout than other groups did.

“With high turnout and 80 percent in favor of a candidate in a group that is a large population share, victory should be assured. But it was not to be.

“In reality, Roy Moore substantially underperformed among white evangelicals. Understandably turned off by his apparent opposition to religious liberty, disregard for the Constitution, weirdly positive comments about slavery, and his alleged sexual misconduct, white evangelicals gave Moore the worst showing of any Alabama Republican Senate candidate in the twenty-first century.”

### **MCCONNELL CAMP RELIEVED MOORE LOST:**

Calls Bannon 'the emperor who had no clothes'. <http://vlt.tc/33w0> “Josh Holmes, political strategist and former Sen. Mitch McConnell aide, said he was relieved Roy Moore lost in Tuesday’s close U.S. Senate race in Alabama. He spoke to ABC News’ Jonathan Karl and Rick Klein about what the election could mean for the GOP on the Powerhouse Politics podcast Wednesday.

“Holmes cited Todd Akin, a 2012 Republican Senate candidate from Missouri, as an example of the damage a single candidate can do to the party. Akin drew controversy by suggesting cases of “legitimate rape” rarely lead to pregnancies, and went on to lose the race by over 15 percentage points to Democrat Claire McCaskill.

“The entire party, and all of our senate candidates, and the presidential candidate himself had to answer to what the American people were seeing from this particular candidate,” Holmes said. “And I think if Roy Moore had woken up this morning as the senator-elect, I have no doubt in my mind that the Republican party would be saddled with the exact same situation.”

### **DISNEY TO BUY FOX IN MASSIVE DEAL:**

Disney to buy Fox film, TV businesses for 52 billion dollars. <http://vlt.tc/33w3> “Walt Disney Co has struck a deal to buy film, television and international businesses from Rupert Murdoch’s Twenty-First Century Fox Inc for 52.4 billion in stock as the world’s largest entertainment company seeks even greater scale to combat growing digital rivals Netflix Inc and Amazon.com Inc.

“The deal brings to a close more than half a century of expansion by Murdoch, 86, who turned a single Australian newspaper he inherited from his father at the age of 21 into one of the world’s most important global news and film conglomerates.

“Shares of Fox, which have surged 35 percent since talk of the deal surfaced in early November, were slightly lower in premarket trading. Disney shares also edged lower as

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investors fretted about dilution from the all-stock deal. Disney said it expects to buy up to \$20 billion of its own shares to offset that dilution."

## **WILL REGULATORS BLOCK FOX-DISNEY DEAL?:**

Over sports? <http://vlt.tc/33ub> "With viewers turning to streaming video, sports has come to dominate traditional TV. In 2005, sports accounted for 14 of 100 most viewed broadcasts. In 2015, it was 93 out of 100, according to MoffettNathanson.

"That is one reason behind a potential 21st Century Fox-Disney deal, which is expected to be announced Thursday. And it is one reason why regulators could frown on such an agreement.

"People involved with the talks say that in addition to Fox's television and movie studios and its FX and National Geographic cable networks, Disney would also acquire Fox's regional sports networks. The 22 networks are worth roughly 23 billion in enterprise value, according to MoffettNathanson. That makes them worth more than one-third of the total value of the expected \$60 billion deal. Wall Street Journal parent company News Corp and 21st Century Fox share common ownership.

"These sports networks are local cable channels that have exclusive rights to hometown games. They have been a major force behind the escalating costs of sports licensing rights. If you want to watch the Detroit Tigers on TV, for example, you have to subscribe to Fox Sports Detroit.

"Combined with Disney's ESPN and stakes in the three leading college conferences channels (Big Ten, S.E.C., and A.C.C.), the channels would give Disney a conspicuously dominant sports portfolio. This could draw the attention of regulators who are already challenging another big media deal—AT&T's acquisition of Time Warner. The issue would be how much more dominant would Disney be than Fox is right now, with its Fox Sports and regional sports networks."

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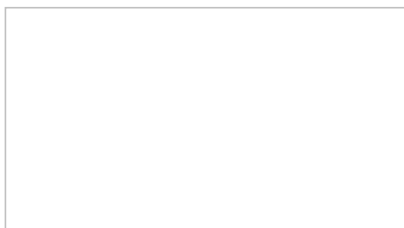
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**Subject:** Safeguard our elections PLEASE

Based on an article in The Hill, it looks like the Presidential Committee on Election Integrity is trying to get moving early this year. I would implore you to protect Florida's voters by NOT sharing state databases with them. It seems it would be almost suicidal, given the interference alleged in the 2016 election, to put all our eggs in one hack-able basket. Personally, I do not trust the administration's motives in requesting the information but, that aside, providing it would pose another serious, and unnecessary risk to our elections. Please consult with your computer experts and let discretion be the better part of valor.

You can view the above mentioned article on-line at

<http://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/366934-kobach-election-integrity-commission-has-been-bogged-down-in-litigation>



### Kobach: Election integrity commission has been 'bogged down in litigation'

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Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach said in a new interview that President Trump's election integrity panel has been unable to meet for months due to several lawsuits against the panel.



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## Election Academy: President Dissolves PACEI

### President Dissolves PACEI

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Yesterday, citing opposition from states and ongoing lawsuits, President Trump dissolved the controversial Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. The Washington Post [has more](#):

*President Trump on Wednesday announced that he is disbanding a controversial panel studying alleged voter fraud that became mired in multiple federal lawsuits and faced resistance from states that accused it of overreach.*

*The decision is a major setback for Trump, who created the commission last year in response to his claim, for which he provided no proof, that he lost the popular vote to Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016 because of millions of illegally cast ballots.*

*The commission met only twice amid the series of lawsuits seeking to curb its authority and claims by Democrats that it was stacked to recommend voting restrictions favorable to the president's party.*

*In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said there is "substantial evidence of voter fraud" and blamed the ending of the commission on the refusal of many states to provide voter data sought by the panel and the cost of ongoing lawsuits.*

*The bipartisan panel, known as the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, had been nominally chaired by Vice President Pence and led by Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a Republican who has aggressively sought to prosecute alleged voter fraud in his state. Pence in recent months had sought to distance himself from its work.*

*In the statement, Sanders said Trump had signed an **executive order** asking the Department of Homeland Security "to review its initial findings and determine next courses of action."*

Critics of the Commission hailed the move, but one current Commissioner who has been suing to get more details about its work noted that the focus on voter fraud is just likely shift elsewhere:

*The 11-member commission proved a magnet for controversy from the outset and was sued by one of its members, Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap (D), who alleged in November that he has been kept in the dark about its operations, rendering his participation "essentially meaningless."*

*Republicans on the commission accused Dunlap of paranoia, but a federal judge last month ruled partly in his favor.*

*In an interview Wednesday night, Dunlap said it may be premature to celebrate the demise of the commission, given Trump's announcement that Homeland Security would pick up the work. The department, he said, could angle to change regulations affecting driver's licenses and other matters affecting voting without as much public scrutiny.*

*"I think people who are saying 'the witch is dead' should be very alarmed by this move," he said. "I think that's very dangerous."*

Dunlap's concerns seem to be borne out somewhat by suggestions that the White House blames PACEI's opponents for its demise and is seeking a more favorable arena for its anti-fraud crusade:

*A senior White House aide, however, said Democrats on the commission were to blame for refusing to work with the panel, as were states that refused to turn over public data.*

*The aide, who was not authorized to speak on behalf of the commission and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that the Department of Homeland Security is "better equipped to take up the matter."*



I'll leave the PACEI obituaries to others – for now, I'm curious about whether DHS' new anti-fraud brief will interfere in any way with its growing election cybersecurity role, especially since bipartisan Congressional interest in helping to fund those efforts is slowly emerging. If it does interfere, that could be far more damaging than anything the Commission itself could have done.

Hang on – and stay tuned ...

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**Cc:** Don Palmer; Taylor; Ronald Labasky

**Subject:** FW: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Good Afternoon Supervisors,

Please find attached an invitation to attend an upcoming seminar entitled, *The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida* on December 11, 2017 in Tallahassee, Florida.

FSASE along with The Bipartisan Policy Center is excited about this information sharing opportunity and look forward to the presentations scheduled. Several of our very own Supervisors will be participating on panels to discuss the modernization of voter registration in Florida, including steps to improve the security and accuracy of data-sharing programs and maintenance of voter registration lists.

If you are interesting in attending please RSVP to Brenna McAfee ( [BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org)) or Don Palmer ( [DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org)), they will then follow up with a full agenda.

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**Subject:** Re: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Dana,

Here is the invitation to the December 11 meeting in Tallahassee. Thank you for distributing to the Supervisors. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

Regards,

Don Palmer

Fellow, Bipartisan Policy Center

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**From:** Don Palmer

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:29:58 AM

**To:** Dana Southerland

**Subject:** Re: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Hi Dana,

Yes, I should get that official invite to you today, and thank you for forwarding to all the supervisors. We will be able to accommodate some of the supervisors (up to 10 or so) who want to attend the event in Tallahassee who may be a bit of a distance away and may need a hotel on Sunday.

Also, I am attaching a proposal on the reception we would like to provide to Supervisors on Tuesday night where dinner is on their own. It is from 6-7pm. Do you think that time works for most Supervisors or should it be any earlier? There really is enough food to satisfy folks but people are able to get a more substantial dinner if they still wish.

Any thoughts on the reception or time? I will prepare an email for you to forward to the FSASE attendees. We will probably request a RSVP so if we go above 40 people, we can plus up.

r/Don Palmer



**From:** Dana Southerland <[taylor-elections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylor-elections@gtcom.net)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:47:22 PM

**To:** Don Palmer

**Subject:** RE: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Good Afternoon,

Just wanted to check back in with you and see where you might be with the planning of the December 11, 2017 event. Next week is conference and December 11<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner. Let me know if you need any additional information from me or if you need me to distribute information to the association. Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, look forward to seeing you next week.

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Thank you Dana! I'll give you additional details as we progress with the planning.

*Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid*

On Oct 27, 2017 8:46 AM, Dana Southerland <[taylor-elections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylor-elections@gtcom.net)> wrote:

Good Morning

I just wanted to touch base and let you know that I reached out to the FSASE executive board and everyone that responded is in full support.

FSASE is excited to co-sponsor this event and we look forward to seeing the positive responses from others involved.

Let me know what I can do to assist moving forward.

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**From:** Don Palmer [<mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org>]

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**To:** Dana Southerland <[taylor-elections@gtcom.net](mailto:taylor-elections@gtcom.net)>

**Subject:** Re: PCEA Data-sharing legislation Townhall Event

Yes, I need those blessings.

Don

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**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 5:00:53 PM

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Hahaha, bless you !!!

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One more try - I meant December 11, 2017.

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Dana,

As we discussed, the Bipartisan Policy Center is organizing a half-day panel discussion (with luncheon) on the recommendations of the PCEA regarding interstate data-sharing and pending legislation on Monday, November 11, 2017. Right now, we are looking closely at holding the event at the Florida State Conference Center, the same place the 2015 OVR event was held.

This event would be an opportune time because the Senate Committee hearing the bill may be considering language to authorize such data-sharing. The plan is for the event participants to discuss the PCEA recommendations for registration data-sharing between states, i.e. HB 85 and 87 (Spano) and the Senate version of the bill. As we discussed, there are a number of related issues that panels will be able to address and answer questions, including security, privacy, accuracy, etc..

The plan is for BPC to be organizing and picking up the costs for the event, but we wanted to explore whether FSASE would agree to be a co-sponsor of an event? In 2015, the Democracy Fund/Pew/UF organized a similar type meeting in 2015 regarding online voter registration and FSASE co-sponsored the event. We think that concept of working together with local election officials will work in this instance as well.

The preliminary plan would have BPC bring in a few speakers from out of state and invite the supervisors, key legislators, and members of the media to be a part of the discussion on the recommendations, legislation, and specific features of national data-sharing organizations like ERIC. Of course, there would be no cost to FSASE. I have discussed with some of the new ERIC leadership about speaking. However, we would love your input on what issues and persons to invite/speak at the event.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions on specific areas I haven't addressed.

Regards,

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Dear Supervisor of Elections,

The Bipartisan Policy Center and the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections cordially invite you to a half-day seminar entitled, *The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida*.

**The seminar will take place on December 11, 2017 from 9:00am until 1:30pm, including lunch.** It will be held at the Florida State Conference Center at 555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

The day's discussion includes a series of panels focused on the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration (PCEA), specifically those covering interstate registration data-sharing. We will discuss the implementation of such programs, including the Electronic Registration Information Center, in states across the country and how implementation might work in Florida. Over lunch speakers and invited legislators will present on current legislation pending in the Florida Legislature. A brief agenda is included below.

Confirmed participants include Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill, West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner, EAC Commissioner Christy McCormick, and PCEA Co-Chair Ben Ginsberg. Each will share his or her perspective of interstate data sharing programs and answer questions. Several Florida Supervisors of Elections and other state election officials will be participating on informative panels to discuss the modernization of voter registration in Florida, including steps to improve the security and accuracy of data-sharing programs and maintenance of voter registration lists.

We have limited funding to cover one night (December 10) of hotel accommodations for guests traveling to attend this session in Tallahassee. Please let us know if you would like to access this funding, and we will book accommodations directly.

**Please RSVP to the meeting to Brenna McAfee ([BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:BMcAfee@bipartisanpolicy.org)) or Don Palmer ([DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org](mailto:DPalmer@bipartisanpolicy.org)). We will follow up with a full agenda of topics and panels.**

I look forward to seeing you in Tallahassee.

Sincerely,

John Fortier  
Director, Democracy Project, BPC

Don Palmer  
Fellow, Democracy Project, BPC





**The Bipartisan Benefits of Interstate Data-Sharing in Florida**

Florida State Conference Center  
555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32306

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

- 9:00 am      **Breakfast**
- 9:15          **Panel One: PCEA and Data-Sharing Recommendations**
- 10:00        **Panel Two: Data-Sharing and Implementation in the States**
- 11:00        **Panel Three: Data-Sharing Issues: Accuracy, Privacy, and Security**
- 12:00 pm    **Panel Four: Florida and the Need for Interstate Data-Sharing**
- 12:30        **Lunch (Discussion and Legislative Update)**
- 1:30          **Adjourn**



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Hi Melissa:

Here are presentations and a white paper from last week's conference for the FSASE website. I am just waiting on one more from Supervisor Lori Scott/Brevard.

Thanks,  
Christine

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## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

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### Introduction

- **House Bill 13-1303:**  
Colorado Voter Access and Maintenance Act (COVAME)
- **Evolution of Elections in Colorado**
- **Elements of the Reform**
- **Communicating the Message**

Outline of the presentation.





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

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### How Did We Get Here?

- **House Bill 13-1303**  
**Colorado Voter Access and Maintenance Act (COVAME)**
  - Passed in the 2013 Legislative Session, effective for the 2013 Coordinated Election.
- **Hybrid Model of Elections**
  - Mail Ballot Delivery to all eligible voters
  - Voter Centers for Early Voting through Election Day
  - 'Nested' Same Day Registration deadlines (SDR)
  - Live-linked State-wide Poll books for all Voter Service Centers
  - List maintenance reforms
  - Implementation Commission





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### How Did We Get Here?

#### Colorado Election Reform History

1993

- Coordinated Mail Ballot Elections
- Non-partisan, County optional

2002

- HAVA
- Requirement for Provisional Ballots
- Accessible voting and ADA requirements

2007

- PERMANENT MAIL VOTER:** 55% Statewide in 2008, over 70% in 2012
- 2008: 68% of ballots cast by mail
- 2012: 71.4% of ballots cast by mail

2006

- Birth Of Vote Centers
- Early Voting through Election Day/E-poll books
- Non- Vote Center county provisional increase

2008

- Statewide Voter Registration (SCORE)
- Shift in paradigm, Statewide "e-poll book"
- Real-time updates for ballot issuance

2009

- Mail Ballot Primaries
- Partisan Elections, County optional

2013

- COVAME Act

Colorado did not leap to this final reform. It was an evolution of policy over many years.





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Elements of the Legislation

- **Ballots mailed to ALL eligible voters**
  - Voters choose how to return voted ballot
    - Mail
    - Ballot Drop-Boxes
    - Voter Polling & Service Centers
- **Voter Service & Polling Centers**
  - Voters can choose what VSPC to visit
    - No designated polling places
  - Voters can choose early voting or in-person voting options
    - Live-linked for secure registration and balloting

Not mailed to Inactive Returned Mail and Inactive Undeliverable Ballot. (These voters need to update their record)

More on list maintenance in a few slides!

VSPCs are like Early Voting through Election Day– live linked for secure registration and balloting.





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Elements of the Legislation

#### Changes to Voter Registration Requirements

##### Before Reform

- 30 day cut off for new registrations submitted on paper or on-line
- In-person registrations
  - - Emergency registrations
  - - Provisional voters
- If the voter indicated that they attempted to register 30 days prior, signed the affirmation and presented ID they were same day registered and given a regular ballot
- If they had not attempted or were ID deficient, a provisional ballot was issued

##### After Reform

- 22 day cut off for new registrations submitted by VRDs
- 8 day cut off for ballot to be mailed
- In-person registrations through Election Day if they are residents of Colorado at least 22 days prior
  - If they have not been in the state for over 21 days or are ID deficient, the voter is issued a provisional ballot
- (see next diagram)

HB 14-161 will slightly amend registration deadlines from the 2014 Reform. VRDs at 22 days and process online and in paper registration through ED.

SDR will greatly reduce costly processing of provisional and increase efficiency (90—95% acceptance rate)

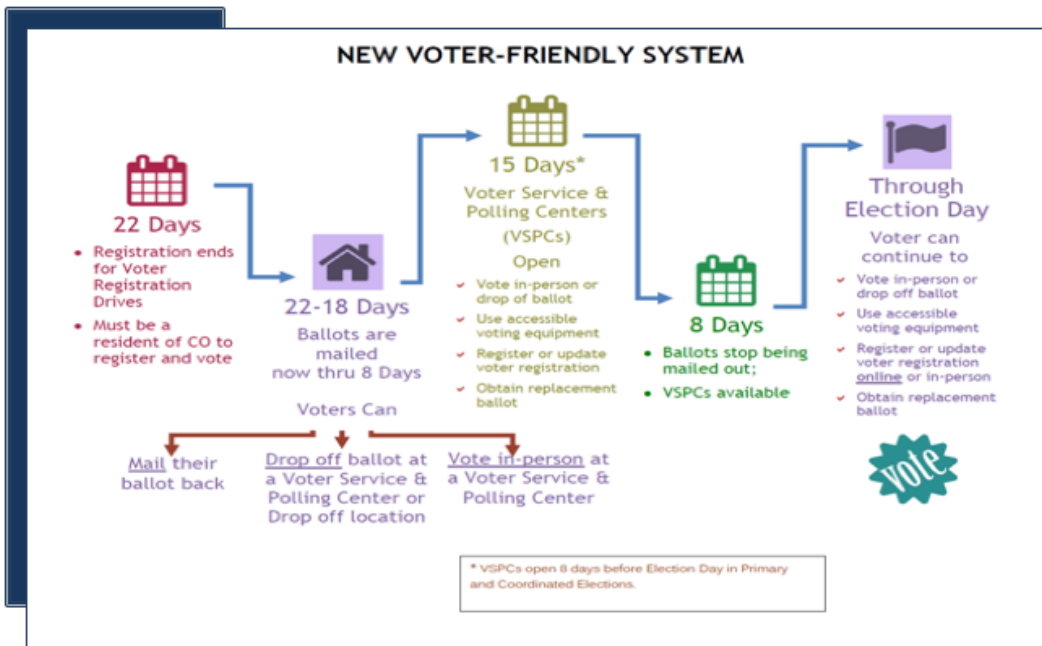
SCORE and live linked vote centers increase security.





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Elements of the Legislation



Permits counties to continually process to streamline the in-person VSPC voter experience as much as possible:

Most of the registration activity are address changes.





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Elements of the Legislation

#### Changes to List Maintenance

##### Before Reform

Pre Election Notifications

- Undeliverable Mail
- Confirmation Card mailed out by forwarding mail – inactivation occurred
- Returned undeliverable – Inactivate undeliverable mail
- Returned Card initiated Data Entry – activation
- VIC mailed out confirming change non-forwardable
- Undeliverable Card initiated Confirmation Card mailed by forwardable mail
- Felon and Death downloads monthly

##### After Reform

- Monthly NCOA files processed – we get most address changes before a piece is undeliverable
- Cleaner voter registration list, ballots are being mailed to updated addresses
- Felon and Death record notifications are downloaded daily during the election cycle
- Cleaner voter registration lists for real time eligibility checks

Basic goal: more efficient list maintenance, streamline correspondence and use technology and databases for updates.

The need for the pre election notification was eliminated by our all mail in ballot delivery system. The information is now in the mail ballot packet.

To update an address or status after an inactivation occurred it could take up to 4 mailings.

Felon and Death records were only received monthly





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Elements of the Legislation

#### Consistent Elections for Voters

##### Before Reform

A County could choose - those choices differed by election type

##### **General Elections**

- Mail ballot with Vote Centers or
- Mail ballot with Precinct based Polling Place

##### **Primary Elections**

- All Mail ballot delivery with Service Centers or
- Mail ballot with Vote Centers or
- Mail ballot with Precinct Polling Places

##### **Coordinated Elections**

- All Mail ballot or
- Mail ballot with Vote Centers or
- Mail ballot with Precinct Polling Places

##### After Reform

Counties have one choice for all elections

##### **All Elections**

- All Mail ballot delivery with Voter Service & Polling Centers

In Districts greater than a county you can imagine the complication, each county could do it differently causing voter and campaign confusion

This uniformity allows us greater focus on best practices and consistent procedures.

\*Recall elections if conducted by Clerk and Recorder, too.





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Election Model Success in 2013 Coordinated Election

- Voters cast a record-breaking number of ballots for an odd-year election
- Voter Turnout up 40%
- Almost 400,000 more Coloradans voted in 2013 than in 2011

Every eligible voter received a mail ballot

Ballot content also contributed: Something for everyone! School funding increase and Marijuana taxes statewide initiatives....





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Election Model Success in 2014 General Election

#### Changes to Voter Registration Requirements

- Thousands of Coloradans benefited from changes to Registration law
  - 43,000 New Voter Registrations between Oct. 6– Nov. 4 (within 30 days)
  - 5,000 New Voter Registrations on Election Day
  - 93,000 Address Changes between Oct. 6 – Nov. 4 (within 30 days)



Address Changes within 30 Days

New Voter Registrations within 30 Days

Election Day Registrations

The number of same day registrations is small, the number of people who abused it was even smaller. Stiffer penalty legislation coming?

2013 – 18,904 voters cast ballots at a Voter Service & Polling Centers (1% of ballots cast)



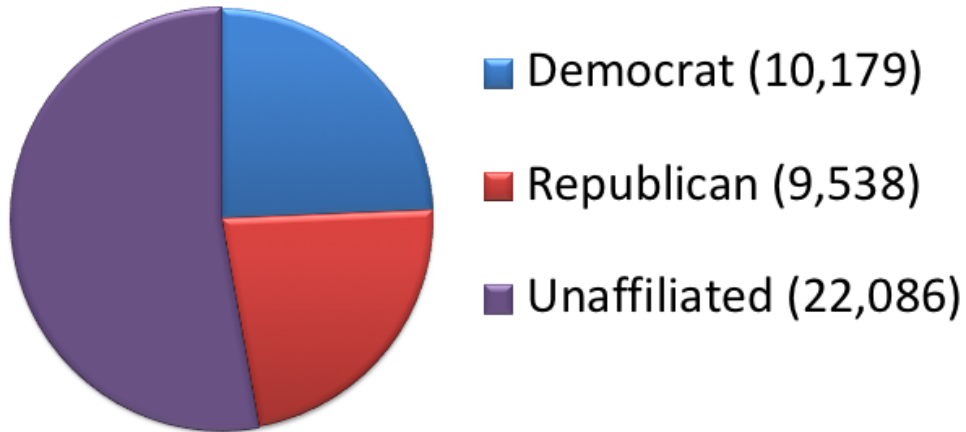


## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

Election Model Success in 2014 General Election

### Changes to Voter Registration Requirements

- 2014 data shows registrations were fairly even among Republicans and Democrats.



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## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Communicating the Message

The screenshot displays the MyColoradoVote.com website. At the top, a dark blue header features the Colorado state flag logo on the left. To its right, the text "Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform" is displayed. Below this, a section titled "Communicating the Message" is visible. The main content area has a light blue background and features a large "MyColoradoVOTE" logo on the left. To the right of the logo, a countdown timer shows "Primary Election: 158 days 05 hours 15 minutes 12 seconds". Below the timer, there are three tabs: "ANSWERS", "LOCATIONS", and "RESOURCES". The main heading reads "Voting in Colorado in 3 easy steps:". Below this, there are three numbered steps, each in a colored box with a corresponding icon and a button:

- 1 CONFIRM REGISTRATION** (Red box, checkmark icon, red button labeled "CONFIRM ►"). Text: "Make sure you are registered and your address is current. Ballots are not forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service."
- 2 CHECK YOUR MAILBOX** (Yellow box, envelope icon, yellow button labeled "CHECK ►"). Text: "During every election, your ballot will arrive in the mail. You have a choice of how to return the ballot after you vote."
- 3 GET PEACE OF MIND** (Green box, smiley face icon, green button labeled "RELAX ►"). Text: "Make sure we received your ballot - ballot status is available online by entering your registration info at GoVoteColorado.com."

At the bottom of the page, a red banner contains the text "A project of the Colorado County Clerks Association".

How do we communicate a consistent message from a reliable source?

MyColoradoVote.com from Colorado Clerks Association.

Studies show people are more likely to trust, listen to and act based on information from reliable, non-partisan sources. Especially at a time of information overload.





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Communicating the Message

- ✓ Voter- Centric
- ✓ Authoritative
- ✓ Reliable
- ✓ Non-Partisan
- ✓ Expert

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Go through 3 Easy Steps

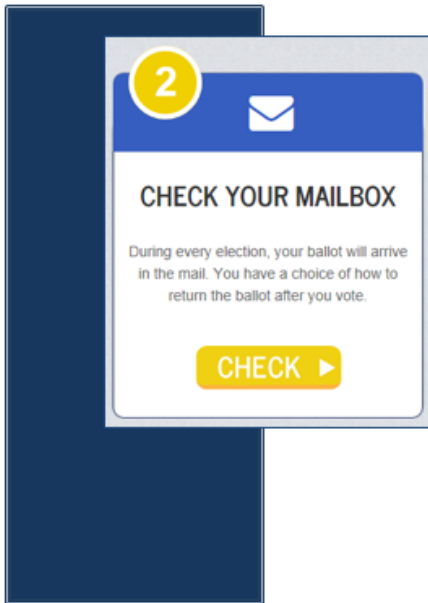




## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Communicating the Message

- ✓You Decide
- ✓Sign your Ballot – Make it Count!
- ✓Visual Tips for Marking Your Ballot



More specifically... incorporating multi-media



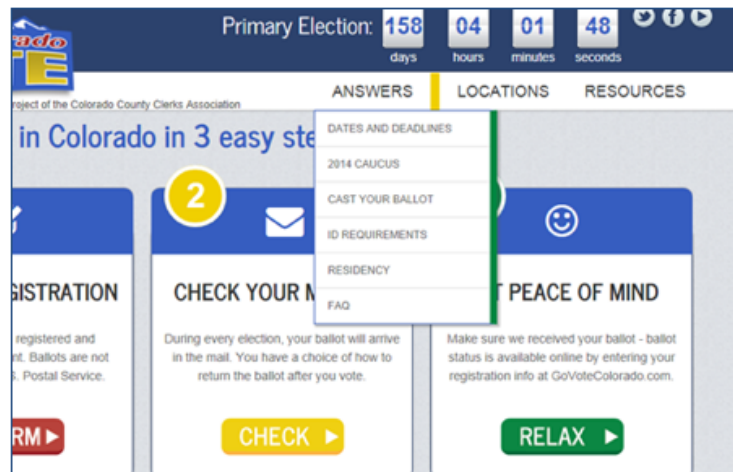


## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Communicating the Message

#### ANSWERS:

- ✓ Dates & Deadlines
- ✓ Changing topical information
- ✓ Tips on casting ballots (Info + Video)
- ✓ Questions about ID requirements?
- ✓ Questions about new residency rules?
- ✓ Other frequently asked questions



With a consistent voting model, this is easier to do. Voters can count on one process election to election and county to county.





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Communicating the Message

#### RESOURCES:

##### ✓ Election Integrity

- Protections against voting blank ballots
- Public Testing & Canvass Board
- Voter Privacy

##### ✓ County Clerk Contact Information

✓ GoVoteColorado.com

The screenshot displays the GoVoteColorado.com website. At the top, a blue banner shows the 'Primary Election' countdown: 158 days, 03 hours, 46 minutes, and 26 seconds. Below this is a navigation bar with 'ANSWERS', 'LOCATIONS', and 'RESOURCES'. The 'RESOURCES' dropdown menu is open, showing 'ELECTION INTEGRITY', 'COUNTY CLERKS', and 'GOVOTECOLORADO.COM'. The main content area features '3 easy steps:' with a green circle containing the number 3. Below this are two blue boxes: 'CHECK YOUR MAILBOX' with an envelope icon and 'GET PEACE OF MIND' with a checkmark icon. The 'GET PEACE OF MIND' box includes the text: 'Make sure we received your ballot - ballot status is available online by entering your'.

Point to outside resources like SOS GoVoteColorado.com





## Colorado County Clerks Association 2013 Election Reform

### Communicating the Message

#### LOCATIONS:

- ✓Interactive Map
- ✓Find location based on need (drop-off, VSPC)
- ✓Hours, Address, etc

Primary Election: 11/6/12 11/13/12 11/20/12 11/27/12

Answers LOCATIONS RESOURCES

Use this form to search for 2013 locations

Select a County

Select a Location Type

Your search results will display below the map.

ARVADA MOTOR VEHICLE

Type: Drop Off, Voter Service Center

Address: 8510 Wedsworth Blvd Arvada, CO, 80005

County: Jefferson

Hours: M-F 7:30-5; 11/2 10-2; 11/5 7-7

LITTLETON MOTOR VEHICLE

Type: Drop Off, Voter Service Center

Address: 11139 Bradford Rd Littleton, CO, 80127

County: Jefferson

Hours: M-F 7:30-5; 11/2 10-2; 11/5 7-7

LAKEWOOD MOTOR VEHICLE

Type: Drop Off, Voter Service Center

Address: 11139 Bradford Rd Littleton, CO, 80127

County: Jefferson

Hours: M-F 7:30-5; 11/2 10-2; 11/5 7-7

Use this form to search for 2013 locations

Select a County

Click here

Select a Location Type

Click here

County Clerk

Drop Off

Voter Service Center

Your search results will display below the map.

Tool for voters





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| Step | Icon        | Title                | Description                                                                                                                     | Button    |
|------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1    | Checkmark   | CONFIRM REGISTRATION | Make sure you are registered and your address is current. Ballots are not forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service.                 | CONFIRM ► |
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| 3    | Smiley face | GET PEACE OF MIND    | Make sure we received your ballot - ballot status is available online by entering your registration info at GoVoteColorado.com. | RELAX ►   |

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Concluding remarks





Colorado County Clerks Association  
2013 Election Reform

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Outline of the presentation.





CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER  
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# *Public Records and Ethics in the Sunshine State*







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# **A Constitutional Officer's Practical Approach To Handling Public Records**





# CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER **CAROLYN TIMMANN** MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

## Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

- Custodian of Public Records
- Public Trustee
- Custodian of County Funds
- County Auditor







# Florida Statutes & Constitution

## *The Florida Constitution*

ARTICLE I, SECTION 24. Access to public records and meetings.—(a) Every person has the right to inspect or copy any public record made or received in connection with the official business of any public body, officer, or employee of the state, or persons acting on their behalf, except with respect to records exempted pursuant to this section or specifically made confidential by this Constitution.

This section specifically includes the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government and each agency or department created thereunder; counties, municipalities, and districts; and each constitutional officer, board, and commission, or entity created pursuant to law or this Constitution.





## **Public Records Defined . . .**

Section 119.011(12), Florida Statutes, defines "public records" to include:

All documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.





## **Public Records Defined . . .**

### **Supreme Court Interpretation**

The Supreme Court has interpreted this definition to encompass all materials made or received by an agency in connection with official business which are used to perpetuate, communicate or formalize knowledge.



# Public Records Defined: What is a Record?

Transaction of official business by any agency

Communicate or formalize knowledge

All shapes and sizes

## **Examples:**

- "Hey, I'm running 10 minutes behind." "Happy Hour at 5:15!"
- "Here's my Christmas List" "My child is sick – I have to leave"
- "Machines 3 and 7 aren't processing correctly. Get someone over here now to get them fixed before anyone suspects we have a problem."
- "We need to make sure the Commissioners know why we need that increase"

**Transitory - Does not need to be retained.**

**Personal – Does not have to be retained.**

**"Official business" - Must be retained.**



# What is a Custodian?

Ch. 119, Florida Statutes:

- (5) “Custodian of public records” means the elected or appointed state, county, or municipal officer charged with the responsibility of maintaining the office having public records, or his or her designee.

**The Ledger.com**

*Dec. 6, 2014*

**Bad Actors Abusing Laws** - The citizen's right to know is sacrosanct.

. . . When approached, the guy on the mower doesn't know what to do and asks for contact information so he can relay the request to a supervisor, but that constitutes a violation. (The law provides anonymity to the requester.) Then the jurisdiction receives a threat of a lawsuit, which can be settled for a cash payment.

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## *Train Your Staff*



### **Florida nonprofit's ties to law firm questioned after dozens of lawsuits filed**

*Tristram Korten and Trevor Aaronson 3:51 PM, Dec 6, 2014*

Since January, the foundation and a sister group, Our Public Records LLC, have filed more than 140 lawsuits in 27 counties

Barbara Petersen, president of Florida's First Amendment Foundation, said there is nothing in state public record law prohibiting "gotcha" lawsuits. Her concern is these suits could lead to further erosion of Florida's public records laws.

"That's extremely unfortunate, as the vast majority of those who are making public records requests are doing so because they want the records, and any attempt to scale back our right of access will have the biggest negative impact on citizens," she said. "All because of a couple of bad actors."

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# CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER **CAROLYN TIMMANN** MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

What does that mean in today's world of cell phones and social media?



You will notice that neither the Florida Statutes or Supreme Court definitions directly address any type of the following:

- Social Media Postings, such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr
- Text Messages
- Instant Messages
- Transcribed voicemail messages, such as AUDIX

**ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE PUBLIC RECORDS AND SUBJECT TO THE  
RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION GUIDELINES.**

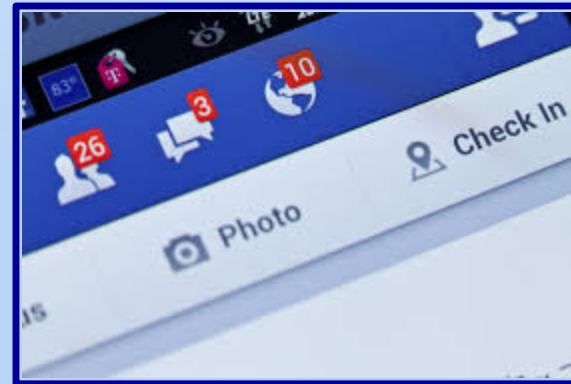


# Social Media and E-Mail Snafus . . .

**What's Wrong With This Picture?**



**Did I just Post This?**





# Did I Really Just Hit “Send”?

*Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public-records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone. The content of all e-mails becomes subject to public disclosure under the Public Records Law and users should govern themselves accordingly.*

**Remember: Where there's a Sender, there's a Receiver . . . or many.**

## **Top adviser avoids creating public records as she shapes Governor's policy, e-mails show**

By Michael C. Bender, Times/Herald

"I rarely check and almost never respond to work e-mail because of the open records law," [she] wrote from her private e-mail account.

## **'What a jerk': Private messages from Florida PSC commissioner reveals distrust in agency**

Palm Beach Post, Oct. 19, 2009 |

Of the nearly 3,000 PIN messages recovered, [she] had more than 2,400.

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# *Stop and Think*

## **Texting by public officials: Does it violate Sunshine laws in meetings?**

May 2, 2009 | By Ludmilla Lelis, Sentinel Staff Writer

Text messaging is an everyday habit for many, but if public officials use it to talk about public business, they could be violating the law.

Best Solution: Don't text public business

State Agency Ban

It's not the Device; it's the Content!





# Travel and Expense Records: What Will Your Constituents Think?

## ► Travel Voucher Pitfalls:

Clear Public Purpose

- Room service – no public purpose
- Dinner at Gilley's Bar – allowable, but watch the optics

### ***County Employee Credit Card Records Show Las Vegas Trips, Stays at Luxury Hotels Curtailed***

by P.D. Lesko, Ann Arbor Independent

In 2013, The Ann Arbor Independent published articles detailing county employee stays at Las Vegas casinos, resorts and 4-star hotels at taxpayer expense.

- ✗ GSA official's wife accompanied him on trips at taxpayer expense
- ✗ South Florida Water Management District spends tax dollars at lavish resorts
- ✗ Some New Orleans judges billed public for multi-room condos at Florida resort's event
- ✗ Elected Official Likes Breakfast in Bed
- ✗ Official Spends Most of Time at the Bar During Business Trips



# *Protecting Confidential and Exempt Information*

“Exemption” means a provision of general law which provides that a specified record or meeting, or portion thereof, is not subject to the access requirements of s. [119.07](#)(1), s. [286.011](#), or s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.

Addresses  
Phone Numbers  
Spouses & Children  
Email Address – No

## **Duties of Employers:**

Personnel Records

## **Duties of Custodians:**

Written Requests

Voted Ballots are Public Records because they have “memorialized the act of voting.” Fla. 2005

Absentee Ballots: s. 101.62(3) – Confidential & Exempt except for specific use (Political)

This information shall be confidential and exempt from s. [119.07](#)(1) and shall be made available to or reproduced only for the voter requesting the ballot, a canvassing board, an election official, a political party or official thereof, a candidate who has filed qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming election, and registered political committees for political purposes only.

Data Processing Software (as in 119.07(1), F.S.)  
s. 101.5607(1)(d) - All data processing software on file with Dept. of State

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# Exempt & Confidential and Redaction

## **s. 119.07(1)(e) and (f)**

(e) If the person who has custody of a public record contends that all or part of the record is exempt from inspection and copying, he or she shall state the basis of the exemption that he or she contends is applicable to the record, including the statutory citation to an exemption created or afforded by statute.

(f) If requested by the person seeking to inspect or copy the record, the custodian of public records shall state in writing and with particularity the reasons for the conclusion that the record is exempt or confidential.

**Redaction Software:** A tool, not a solution

## **Charging for Redaction:**

Public or Personal Information

## **No General Exception for Personnel Files for Government Employees**

## **Only Specific information can be Redacted:**

- ✓ Social Security Numbers
- ✓ Medical Information
- ✓ Direct Deposit Records
- ✓ Home Addresses of SOME employees (ie. Judges) upon request

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## DIVISION of LIBRARY and INFORMATION SERVICES

# Retention and Destruction

Department of State - Division of Library and Information Services - Records Management

There are two sides to the equation, both are equally important.  
Content is the Key

GS3 – Election Records

GS1-SL – State and Local Government Agencies

Proper recordkeeping for retention and destruction:

- ✓ Adhere to the Official Schedule
- ✓ Detailed Destruction Orders
- ✓ Witness the Destruction – Affidavits



## Violations: What are the potential penalties?

A knowing or intentional violation is a 1st degree misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail term not to exceed one year.

An unintentional violation is a non-criminal infraction, punishable by a fine up to \$500.

A public officer who intentionally violates the public records law is subject to suspension or removal from office.

Attorney's fees and court costs are available to the requestor that prevails in a civil suit for access.





# How to Avoid the Less-than-Flattering Headlines

- ✓ Understand the Definition of Public Records
- ✓ Be Aware of Retention and Destruction Schedules
- ✓ Work with the Public and the Press
- ✓ Train Yourself and Your Staff
- ✓ Stay Informed: Buy the Book or Go Online



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# Email or Text or Tweet or IM . . . So Many Choices and So Many Records!

- **Any Format**
- **Any Means of Transmission**
- **Use of Personal Devices**
- **Use of Personal Email Accounts**

- Personal v. Official Business
  - Employer's Role
- Preserving those Records
  - No matter what you wrote or when or where you wrote it
  - Challenges of Preserving Texts, IMs, Tweets
- What are your employees writing and when?
  - Should I monitor?



# Means of Transmission

## Personal Devices



## Requests for Call Lists



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# Working with the Public and the Press



# *The Headlines you never want to see*

## *aka – Waking up to a Bad Day at the Office*

**Florida Gov. Rick Scott's Transition Emails Accidentally Deleted:**  
Emails sent and received during Florida Gov. Rick Scott's (R) transition into the governor's mansion were accidentally deleted soon after he took office. *Miami Herald*, 8/22/11

**Florida Governor and Attorney General Sued Over Public Records**  
CBS Miami, 11/25/13

**Delaware governor's errant tweet shows racy photo** 9/4/14

**Website preserves politicians' deleted Twitter posts: Politiwoops**  
PHOENIX (CBS5) - Politicians use social media to get their message across. We also know their tweets can get them in trouble, and the power of the "delete" button has been weakened thanks to a new website called "Politiwoops." CBS5, 6/5/12

Sept. 2014 -- The Manatee County School District is set to award \$21,000 to Plaintiff in a public records settlement. Plaintiff sued the school district after officials failed to comply with his public records request. The district won the initial trial, but lost an appeal.



# Responding: Four Steps to Success

1. Acknowledge the Request
2. Be honest and have an open dialogue about their goal so you can help narrow the search and provide the information that they need.
3. Clarify the Request - DO NOT GUESS . . . this can lead to trouble
4. Produce the record that was requested

**REMEMBER:** A records request is a snapshot, it is not a recurring report

Ex. The number of employees in the SOE office who have a salary of over \$100k.

Clarifying questions –

- do they want names, titles or just total #
- how many years
- gross salary
- itemize any payouts (DROP, Leave Payout, Bonus)



# Responding to Requests

Forms are great tools and helpful to the public (especially for late-night requestors), but . . .

- ▶ You cannot require a form
- ▶ You require the requestor to identify themselves
- ▶ You cannot require the requestor to state the reason for the request
- ▶ You cannot ask the requestor to disclose why they want the information

Train your staff to avoid these pitfalls.

Also, remember that you don't need to create a new record to respond to a request. But, sometimes it may be most helpful if you do.

Ex. Request for a list of all donors whose name begins with the letter A. If you do not have such a list, you do not need to prepare a new record to respond to the request.



# FLORIDA HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW

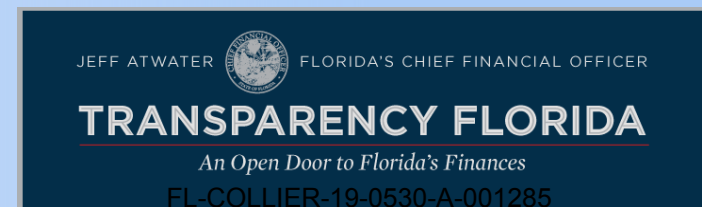
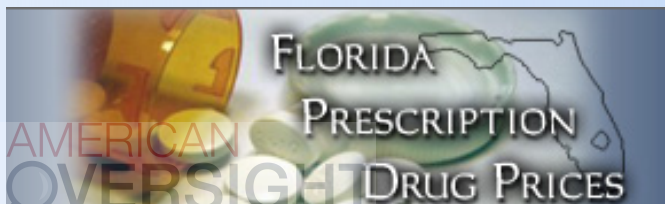
## Holding Government Accountable



Develop a good method for successfully working with the Public and the Press

A strong records request policy is your best defense and good public policy (Orange County)

Your website can work for you – put common requests on your website







## **Fees & Costs: How Much Do I Charge?**

Provide an Estimate before you start the work – and keep track of time

- ④ Actual cost for reproduction  
(.15/page, price of CD or Flash Drive)
- ④ Extensive Use of Resources – Define it!  
Technology Fees  
15 Mins. or Two Hours?
- ④ Personnel Time – lowest paid person capable of performing  
the task, including salary and benefits



# What is a Reasonable Time for Response?

## Retrieve, Review, Redact, Respond

Is a three-month delay for public records, really ‘open government?’

S.Singer, Palm Beach Post, 12/6/14

Public Information v. Public Records :

You don’t want to look foolish if the information is readily available.

Ask for timeframe, but know that your obligation is “reasonable time”.

Stay in touch with the Requestor, if possible.

Ask for the best way to stay in touch with Anonymous requestors.



# Mode of Production



- **Paper** – Copying fees are statutory
- **Email or FTP site**
- **Digital/Electronic** (such as DVD, Thumb Drive) – actual cost of duplication, defined as cost of materials and supplies to duplicate the record
- **Photographs by Requestor** – includes cell phone, portable scanner. 119.07(3)(a) F.S. states requestor must be given access to public records for the purpose of making photographs; 119.07(3)(b) further includes the use of a camera device to capture images of public records.
- **Onsite Review** – generally there is no charge for requestor to inspect the records unless supervision is required. If so, an extensive use fee can be charged.





# **ETHICS and GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE**

When in doubt, don't do it.

If you will have to explain and answer questions when the story breaks in the media, don't do it.

Ask yourself what you would think if a colleague did the same thing.

If you are going to have a hard time telling your mother what you did, don't do it.

Carol Carson, Connecticut Office of State Ethics





## Sunshine Amendment

This amendment created [Article II, Section 8](#) of the Florida Constitution to require full public disclosure by state and county elected officials and candidates for financial interests and campaign finances. It requires that there be an independent commission (the Commission on Ethics) to investigate complaints concerning breaches of public trust by public officers and employees other than judges.

The measure was also the first successful constitutional initiative in Florida history.



# *Code of Ethics*

## **No public officer shall . . .**

Corruptly use or attempt to use his or her official position or any resource which may be within his or her trust or perform his or her official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself, herself, or others. s. 112.313(6) F.S.

## **Corruptly, what does it mean?**

- Engaging in conduct inconsistent with the proper performance of your duties
- Knowing the conduct is wrong
- Intending to gain a personal privilege, benefit or exemption



# Misuse of Public Position

- Public administrators should be held to a higher standard than others. S. 112.313(6), F.S.
- Higher standard of ethics does not imply a different standard of morality.
- It means more scrupulous adherence to accepted standards.

Code of Ethics, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes



# Annual Financial Disclosure

Disclosure of certain assets, liabilities and sources of income.

## County Commission Chair Slapped With Ethics Complaint

By: Nancy Smith | Posted: July 15, 2014

The state of Florida is currently processing an ethics complaint against [a] County Commission Chairman for fudging the value of her [residence] by more than \$400,000 and deliberately excluding details of property she owns in Illinois and North Carolina.







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## 2014 Changes to the Ethics Laws

- ❖ Beginning with the financial disclosure forms that are due July 1, 2015, there will be a check box on the form for filers to certify that they have completed the required training.
- ❖ Elected official is responsible for maintaining their training records
  - ✓ Keep a Spreadsheet or Table (Create a Record!)
  - ✓ Send a Copy to Your Professional Association
  - ✓ Issue a Press Release if you add Certifications

### **Training is required to include**

- ☒ Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution (Ethics in government)
- ☒ Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes (Code of Ethics)
- ☒ Public Records
- ☒ Public Meetings (Sunshine Law)





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## Public Records Additional Resources

Office of Attorney General Pam Bondi website:  
<http://www.myfloridalegal.com>

Governor Rick Scott website:  
<http://www.flgov.com>

First Amendment Foundation website:  
<http://www.floridafaf.org>

## QUESTIONS?





The Florida Joint  
Center for Citizenship  
*A Partnership for Florida's Civic Health*



**Voting as Civic Engagement**  
**A Partnership of the Florida Joint Center for Citizenship and the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections**

The Florida Joint Center for Citizenship (FJCC) and the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) established a formal partnership in May 2014 to advance Florida's civic health. Both organizations share deep concerns about the state of Florida's civic health and believe that joining forces is vital to expand the knowledge of Florida's K-12 student population and will foster greater voter participation among our state's future voters.

Voting is one piece of Florida's anemic civic health that this partnership seeks to address as Florida's civic health is low compared with the nation as a whole. Across the last three presidential election cycles, Florida's participation ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in civic engagement. This ranking, which includes the percentage of Florida residents volunteering (21%), attending public meetings (7%) and donating at least \$25 to charity (45%), is lower than the national average. In fact, Florida is dead last (6%) among states in its percentage of residents working with their neighbors to solve problems. There are strong connections among these civic actions, as individuals who vote are more likely to take part in other civic actions while those who do not vote are also less likely to engage in other forms of civic participation. Young people are less likely than older generations to take part in civic action for various reasons including lack of resources, higher mobility among the college aged and newly graduated, and a lack of confidence that their voices will have an impact on their government.

One effort intended to address concerns about civic health among young people in Florida is the Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Civic Education Act (2010). This Act was adopted by the Florida Legislature after four years of work led by former U.S. Senator Bob Graham and former Congressman Lou Frey. The bill was sponsored in the House by Representative Charles McBurney (R-Jacksonville) and in the Senate by Senator Nancy Detert (R-Venice). Key provisions of the act include:

- a) Civics instruction in middle school with a statewide end-of-course examination in the 7th grade. Student exam performance is factored into school grades, student grades and teacher evaluations
- b) Integration of civics lessons in reading and language arts courses K-12. Civics materials in all grades are linked to instructional benchmarks.



As a result, 200,000 young Floridians now receive intensive civics instruction each year and another 2.4 million students are exposed to civics lessons in reading and language arts courses.

The Florida Department of Education has adopted required instructional benchmarks for middle school civics that include participation in simulated election experiences which stress the importance of both civic knowledge and civic skills. According to the Department, students are expected to “Experience the responsibilities of citizens at the local, state, or federal levels (examples are registering/pre-registering to vote and participating in a political campaign/mock election.).”

The partnership between the FSASE and the FJCC will provide tools to support teachers throughout Florida as they teach their students about the role of voting and elections in the American democratic process. As they implement this partnership, FSASE and FJCC will be guided by, but not limited to, the following guidelines:

- a) The Florida Student Mock Election will be publically identified as a joint effort. This will include, but not be limited to, the inclusion of FSASE logos appearing on the Florida Student Mock Election website.
  - a. A FSASE Technical Advisory Committee, organized and supported by FJCC personnel, will provide guidance on the Florida Student Mock Election website;
  - b. Election and voting-related lessons for elementary, middle, and high school civics and government classes
  - c. FSASE members will be available to supplement and support classroom efforts by making presentations at schools or at the local election office, serving as a resource to classroom teachers, posting mock election results on election supervisors’ websites, and/or providing collateral materials, such as Voter Guides, “I Voted” stickers, etc.
- b) FSASE and FJCC will work together to create awareness and commitment to student participation in the Florida Student Mock Election. This may include FSASE members writing letters to their county school superintendents supporting student participation in the mock election.
- c) FSASE members will share best practices to be posted on the Florida Student Mock Election website.

The goal of the FJCC-FSASE partnership is to make a quality enriching civic engagement experience available to all 7th grade students every year and to all Florida students in presidential and off-year election cycles.

December 10, 2014





# Elections - Reflecting Back and Looking Forward

**Maria Matthews**, Director  
**Gary Holland**, Assistant Director  
Division of Election  
December 8, 2014



**Secretary of State Ken Detzner**



*Whew! Glad that part is over!*



# Conduct of Elections Reports

Ongoing obligation to notify the Division of any post-report discovery of new or additional information and file report within 10 days thereafter

The Division must determine what problems likely occurred and disseminate that information to you with possible solutions



- Must be filed at same time as the official results
- Must describe:
  - ✓ All equipment or software malfunctions at the precinct level, at a counting location, or within computer and telecommunications networks supporting a county location, and the steps that were taken to address the malfunctions;
  - ✓ All election definition errors that were discovered after the logic and accuracy test, and the steps that were taken to address the errors;
  - ✓ All ballot printing errors or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken to address the errors or problems;



## (cont'd)

- ✓ All ballot printing errors or ballot supply problems, and the steps that were taken to address the errors or problems;
- ✓ All staffing shortages or procedural violations by employees or precinct workers which were addressed by the supervisor of elections or the county canvassing board during the conduct of the election, and the steps that were taken to correct such issues;
- ✓ All instances where needs for staffing or equipment were insufficient to meet the needs of the voters; and
- ✓ Any other material information.



- Division categorizes issues into the following categories:
  - ✓ **Machine** (tabulators, poll books, ballot on demand, ADA device, modem)
  - ✓ **Man** (election board, election staff, voters, vendor)
  - ✓ **Material** (media, ballot, facility)
  - ✓ **Method** (election definition, election board, organization)



- Preliminary analysis shows No. 1 issue for 2014 Primary and General Elections:

MAN: Poll workers committing procedural errors such as handing out the wrong ballot, failing to provide the proper directions, thinking they remember or already know the process.

- BVSC noticed this during EV/ ED observations



# Constitutional Amendments



# Three amendments on 2014 General Election Ballot

- ▶ 2 citizen initiatives
  - ▶ Water and Land Conservation (PASSED)
  - ▶ Use of Medical Marijuana (FAILED)
- ▶ Legislative joint resolution
  - ▶ Prospective Appointment/Judicial Vacancies (FAILED)



## Citizen Initiative Petitions for Failed “Use of Medical Marijuana”

- ▶ Cannot be re-used
- ▶ While a political committee can continue for years, signature on a petition is only good for two years from the date signed.
- ▶ Committee has to start over and gather new signatures to try again
- ▶ Petition signature records for balloted issue retain for 1 anniversary year following the election in which the issue appeared on the ballot.



# Opinions 2014



► DE 14-01 Early Voting - Facilities, Locations - § 101.657, Florida Statutes

*“A student union on the University of Florida campus did not constitute a “government-owned community center” or “convention center” for purposes of early voting because it was a structure designed for and affiliated with a specific educational institute.”*



► DE 14-02 Canvassing Board Disqualification of Members; City Canvassing Board, §§ 100.3605, 102.141, Florida Statutes:

*“ 1. Section 102.141, governing canvassing board duties, is not a law that expressly applies to municipalities, and*

*2. The Village of Wellington has adopted a charter that contains a provision that applies specifically to the composition of the canvassing board.*

*By operation of the exception in section 100.3605, F.S., which otherwise subjects municipalities to the Florida Election Code, the charter provision for the Village of Wellington governs the composition of the canvassing board and when a member is ineligible to serve.”*



► DE 14-03 Campaign Financing; Political Committees; Contributions; Expenditures - political club activity; § 106.011, Florida Statutes

*“If a political club meets the threshold criteria in section 106.011(16), Florida Statutes, for becoming a political committee (e.g., in an aggregate amount in excess of \$500 during a calendar year accepts “contributions” for the purpose of making contributions to a political committee or makes “expenditures” to expressly advocate the election or defeat of a candidate or the passage or defeat of an issue), the club must register and report as a political committee. Whether donations received by a political club and payments by the club are made “for the purpose of influencing” a Florida election will often be a question of fact that depends on the specific circumstances under which the donations and payments are being accepted and made.”*



► DE 14-04 Provisional ballots - Poll Worker Failure or Improper Completion of Provisional Ballot Certificate, § 101.048, Florida Statutes:

*“Each supervisor of elections should implement procedures to ensure that the canvassing board will be able to determine the precinct and ballot style of each provisional ballot cast, even where the poll worker fails to record in his or her role as a witness the information on the certificate on the outside of the provisional ballot envelope.*

*The canvassing board should consider all permissible evidence to make a decision about the eligibility of the voter.*

*If the canvassing board is unable to determine where the provisional ballot was cast and which ballot style was used, the canvassing board should adhere to the statutory requirement that the provisional ballot is to be counted unless the canvassing board determines by a preponderance of the evidence that the voter was not entitled to vote.”*



► DE 14-05 Absentee ballots - Canvassing of  
Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot, § 101.6952(5),  
Florida Statutes

*In elections to which the 10-day provision in section 101.6952(5) applies, when an overseas voter who has previously requested an absentee ballot submits a federal write-in absentee ballot ("FWAB") that is received by 7 p.m. on election day, the FWAB should be set aside and should not be canvassed until 10 days after election day.*

*If the voter's official Florida absentee ballot is received within the 10-day period and is otherwise proper, that ballot should be canvassed, and the FWAB should not be counted.*

*If the voter's official Florida absentee ballot is not properly received within the 10-day period, the FWAB should then be canvassed. For all other elections, the FWAB shall be processed in accordance with section 101.6952(3)(b).*



# Special Elections

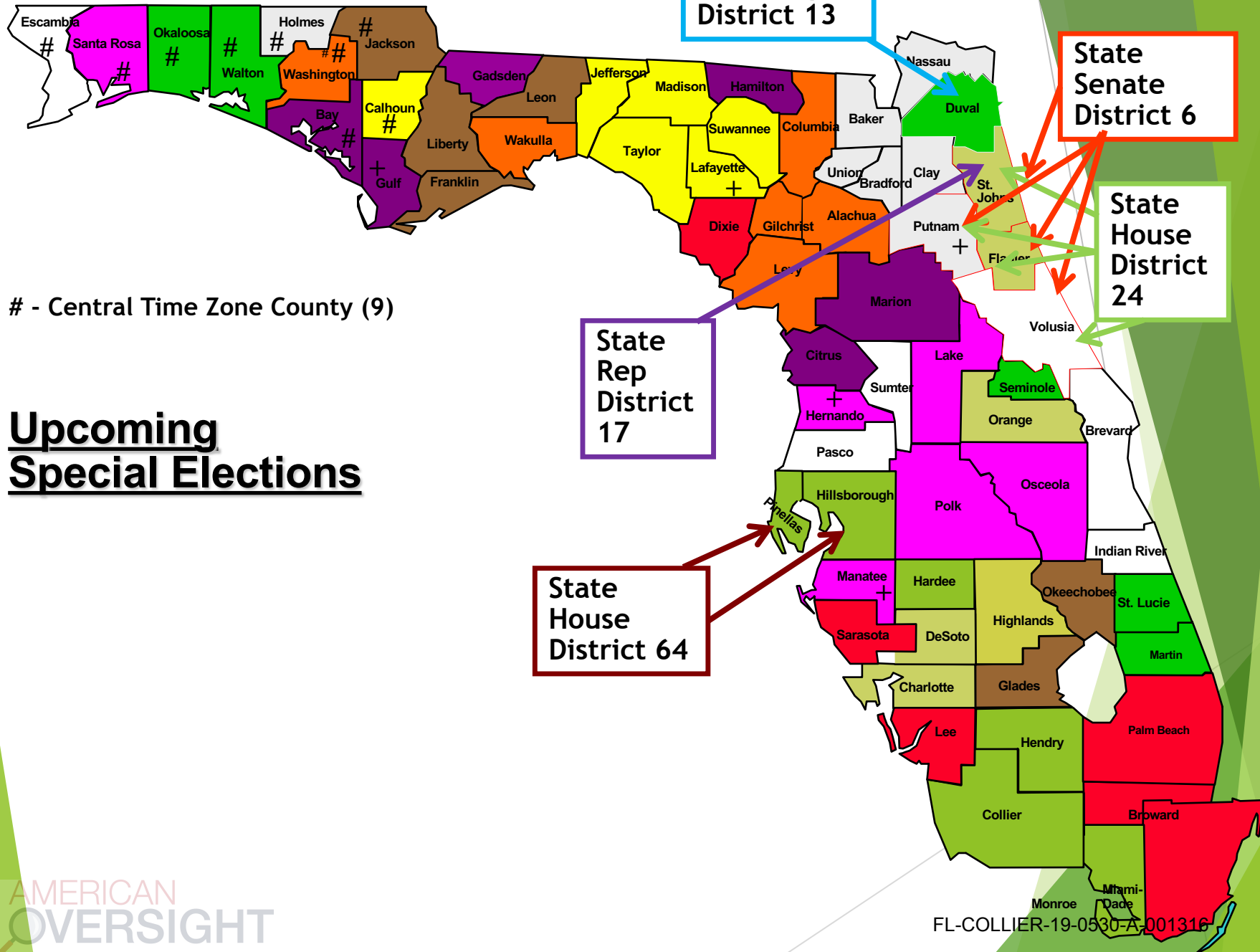


- ▶ If no person has been elected at a general election to fill an office which was required to be filled by election at such general election.
- ▶ If a vacancy occurs in the office of state senator or member of the state house of representatives.
- ▶ If it is necessary to elect presidential electors, by reason of the offices of President and Vice President both having become vacant.
- ▶ If a vacancy occurs in the office of member from Florida of the House of Representatives of Congress.

*Then the Governor then, after consulting with the Secretary of State, issues the order setting the dates.*

(Statutory references ss. 100.101 and 100.111,<sup>18</sup>  
Florida Statutes)





# - Central Time Zone County (9)

# Upcoming Special Elections



# Special Elections Reimbursement

- ▶ The State shall reimburse the county for the expenses incurred for holding the special election or special primary.
- ▶ Reimbursement is based on the actual expenses as filed with the county governing body.
- ▶ The Department responsible for verifying the expenses.
- ▶ The Division provides guidelines on documentation to facilitate and expedite reimbursement. Guidelines available online and sent to every county each time special election ordered
- ▶ Processing time: no more than 90 days

(Statutory cross-reference: s. 100.102, F.S.)



# Voting Certifications and Ancillary Equipment Approvals



# Approvals

## Dominion Democracy Live, Inc.

- Live Ballot –Online Ballot Delivery System
- Interim Approval until end of 2014
- Issued: May 2014

## Democracy Live Suite Upgrade anticipated

- ▶ Expect that upgrade will upgrade the current ICE tabulator (voter and ADA) to allow ADA voter and the non-ADA voter to use this tabulator, but not at the same time. The upgrade will have a touchscreen device for ADA voters at the same time that non-ADA voters to scan their ballots. This allows only one voting device in a polling location. Note that several counties that use the ICE only have this one tabulator in the polling location. Thus, if an ADA voter is present this could delay the non-ADA voters to cast their ballot or put in the emergency bin. The ICE upgrade solves this issue.



# Approvals

## Clear Ballot Group

- ClearAudit – Independent post-election voting system audit, v. 1.0.0.3
  - Issued: Aug 2014
  - Interim Approval until Jan 1, 2016
- ClearAudit – Independent post-election voting system audit, v. 1.0.0.6
  - Issued: Nov 2014
  - Interim Approval until Jan 1, 2016
- ClearAudit has expressed interest in coming back in with new version(s)



# Dominion Democracy Suite -Certification

## ► Release 4.14.17, Version 1 (Revision 1) ➔ Jan 2014

*There were no software, firmware or hardware changes associated with this revision. Dominion requested BVSC examined in context of a "foldable" ballot box being made available.*

## ► Release 4.14.17, Version 2 ➔ Apr 2014

- *Changes to (ICP) with optional Audio Tactile Interface (ICP-A) functionality enabled.*
- *Software upgrade to ImageCast Central (ICC), version 4.14.6.*
- *Added scanners that could be used for central count tabulation Canon DR-G1130, DRS PhotoScribe models PS900, PS960 Model B, and PS976.*
- *Infrared (IR) paper sensors on both the ICP/ICP-A and the ImageCast Evolution (ICE). Use of the IR paper sensor is optional; however, its use requires IR-reactive security ballot stock, which is certified for use with the specified tabulators*
- *This DCF file allows the ImageCast Central application to operate with the DRS PhotoScribe scanners, and contains Florida-specific settings as the defaults.*



# Dominion Premier Gems -Certification

- ▶•Premier GEMS System
- ▶Release 1.21.6 Version 1 (Revision 2)
- ▶Issued: Issued Feb. 17, 2014

*No changes to the election management system or to any of the voting equipment firmware.*

*The purpose of this ECO was to add Data Research Services (DRS) PS976 scanner to this certification. This scanner has the same equipment as the approved PS960 Model B with replacement of the plastic input hopper side guide to a metal side guide and the manufacturer's re-brand identification*



## ESS – Unity System -Certification

- ▶ Release 4.0.0.3 Version
- ▶ Issued approval Apr 2014

There were no software changes associated with this revision. The update was issued because ES&S requested that the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification (BVSC) examine some upgrades to DS200 modified firmware version 1.5.5.0 and hardware version 1.3.



## ES&S Express Vote/EVS

- ▶ Issue during testing process: Page limit
- ▶ Vendor agreed to “pause” application in October 2014 due to election and limited staff availability
- ▶ Meeting held in late November with vendor who came back with apparent resolution
- ▶ Application re-activated November 2014
- ▶ Updated data package to be submitted December 2015
- ▶ Full testing to begin in January 2015
- ▶ Rulemaking changes required for standards of ballot
- ▶ If certified, will be certified only for ADA use
- ▶ Legislative change required to allow for system to be certified as “universal system”



# Address List Maintenance



- ▶ Bi-ennial Program
- ▶ Odd-numbered years (minimum)
- ▶ Use one or more of the following procedures:
  - ▶ USPS address change information
  - ▶ Mail out to all registered voters in the county (nonforwardable return-if-undeliverable mail) and/or
  - ▶ Mail out to all registered voters who have not voted in the last 2 years and who did not make a written request that their registration records be updated during that time (use returned nonforwardable return-if-undeliverable address confirmation requests)



- ▶ Before program start, remove “inactive voters” who have met the NVRA cycle (i.e., have not voted, requested an absentee ballot, or updated their record after two general election cycles from the date you made them inactive))
  - ▶ This means all registered voters who were made inactive before the 2012 General Election Cycle
- ▶ Start program as soon as possible in January 2015
- ▶ 90-day moratorium to wrap up the program before next federal election (Presidential Preference Primary Election)
  - ▶ **December 2, 2015 (Wednesday)**



# Upcoming Reports



## 2014 Post-Election Reports

| Report Name                              | Due Date | Submission method                                                         | Required by                                    |
|------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Post-Election voting System Manual Audit | Dec 12   | Preference: Upload (alt: E-mail, fax, mail) to BVSC                       | F.S. 101.591                                   |
| Over/Under Report                        | Dec 15   | Upload file using File Transfer Utility                                   | F.S. 101.595                                   |
| Voter Education Survey                   | Dec 15   | Online using SOE Reports Utility                                          | F.S. 98.255 & 1S-2.033, F.A.C                  |
| VH03                                     | Dec 18   | Consult your vendor                                                       | F.S. 98.0981, & 1S-2.043, F.A.C.               |
| Precinct Level Election Results          | Dec 18   | Upload file using File Transfer Utility                                   | F.S. 98.0981, & 1S-2.043, F.A.C.               |
| Reconciliation Report                    | Dec 18   | Upload file using File Transfer Utility (alt: Email) to Director's office | F.S. 98.0981                                   |
| HAVA Expenditures                        | Dec 31   | E-mail, fax, or mail documents to HAVA Unit                               | FEA Grant MOA                                  |
| EAC/FVAP Report                          | Jan 9    | Upload file using File Transfer Utility                                   | 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-7 & 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(c) |



# Voting System Audit Report-PEARS

- 1<sup>st</sup> election cycle automated independent audit verification process used as alternative to manual audit
- All counties have reported but one is incomplete

| Total    | Total Audit Methods |        |
|----------|---------------------|--------|
| Recounts | Automated           | Manual |
| 8        | 5                   | 53     |

- Preliminary analysis ongoing
- BVSC conducting ongoing analysis
- Range of responses: “perfect” “100%,” “99.99%,” “no discrepancies,” “within margin,” “accurate,” “excellent,” “same as” ➔ What does this tell us? It tells us we need a definition for “accurate” 33



# Overvote/Undervote Report

- Deadline to report: **December 15** (one week from today)
- Report to the Department of State the total number of overvotes and undervotes for top race on ballot → this year it was “Governor and Lieutenant Governor” (s. 101.151(2), F.S.)
- Content of report should include likely reasons for such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be useful to evaluate how the voting system performed and whether there were problems with ballot design and/or instructions that may have confused voters.



# Overvote/Undervote Report (cont'd)

- BVSC to prepare report from your responses on the performance of each type of voting system. The report will include but not be limited to:
  - (a) Problems with the ballot design or instructions which may have contributed to voter confusion;
  - (b) Voting system design problems; and
  - (c) Recommendations for correcting any problems identified.
- The Department of State shall submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 31 of each year following a general election.



# Official Voting History (VH03)

- ▶ Deadline to report: **December 18**
- ▶ As of weekend 56 counties had submitted files which were processed
- ▶ Reconciliation report, if any, also due (discrepancy between voting history and precinct-level election results)
- ▶ 15 days thereafter State submits compiled results along with voter registration record information to the State Legislature.

Statutory cross-reference: s. 98.0981, F.S.



# Precinct-level Election Results

- ▶ Deadline to report: **December 18**
- ▶ Once processed, post online for public availability and download

Statutory cross-reference: s. 98.0981, F.S.



# Voter Education Survey

- ▶ Deadline to report: **December 15**
  - 18 counties have submitted complete reports
  - 4 counties have completed reports but not yet submitted
  - 24 counties are working on survey report
  - 21 counties have not yet started
- ▶ Some new questions including relating to pollworker training
- ▶ Plans for HAVA Unit to create and present an online 1-hr credit regarding compilation of survey results



# U.S. EAC/FVAP EAVS

- ▶ 2014 Survey covering from 2012 to 2014 Election
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> time combines survey questions from EAC and FVAP
- ▶ Template has changed (compatibility issues with Excel version requires)
  - ▶ Of 49 counties that reported on Excel version:
    - ▶ 14 (2013 Excel)
    - ▶ 22 (2010 Excel)
    - ▶ 13 (2007 Excel)
- ▶ Means that those counties with older excel will not be able to use newer reporting functionality



## (cont'd)

- ▶ Division email with survey and instructions will go out: **December 15, 2014**
- ▶ Answer same categories of questions as before
- ▶ Division will pull data primarily for Section A (all but one)
- ▶ Deadline for counties to submit responses to Division: **January 9, 2015**
- ▶ Deadline for State to submit initial compiled results to U.S. EAC: **February 1, 2015**
- ▶ Deadline for State to respond to U.S. EAC regarding their analysis of data: **March 1, 2015**



# Minimum Security Procedures



- ▶ BVSC conducts odd-numbered year review
- ▶ Communications will go out in January 2015 and process will take all of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- ▶ SOEs need to confirm latest version on file
- ▶ Be sure to identify clearly those parts of procedures that are exempt from public disclosure
- ▶ During 2014 Election Cycle, public records requests were made for all 67 county supervisor of elections security procedures.
- ▶ Anticipate rulemaking relating to this process

(Statutory cross-reference: s. 101.015, F.S.) 42



# Special Salary Qualification



Test and education credits required

Test revised annually by FSASE

Test graded by Division of Elections

Plans for revision to rule 1S-2.0015, F.A.C.



## Counties That Have Not Initially Certified

| Eligible Now | Will Be Eligible in January |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| MAD          | GUL                         |
| DAD          | HEN                         |
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|              | MAR                         |
|              | MON                         |
|              | OKE                         |
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## Counties That Have Initially Certified

|          |           |           |              |            |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Baker    | Bay       | Bradford  | Brevard      | Calhoun    | Charlotte |
| Citrus   | Clay      | Collier   | Columbia     | DeSoto     | Dixie     |
| Duval    | Escambia  | Flagler   | Franklin     | Gadsden    | Gilchrist |
| Glades   | Hardee    | Holmes    | Indian River | Jackson    | Jefferson |
| Lake     | Lee       | Leon      | Martin       | Nassau     | Okaloosa  |
| Orange   | Osceola   | Pasco     | Pinellas     | Polk       | Sarasota  |
| Seminole | St. Johns | St. Lucie | Sumter       | Suwannee   | Taylor    |
| Union    | Volusia   | Wakulla   | Walton       | Washington |           |



# Website/Publications



Expect new website look in **May/June 2015**

Complete reorganization

Simplification

Eventually more dynamic

Publications update for 2015/2016 years  
including handbooks and reporting guides to  
occur concurrently



*So much more but for  
another day . . .*

*The End*





# Absentee Voting: The Numbers –The Process

**Presentation by Gary J. Holland**  
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**Division of Elections**  
**December 8, 2014**

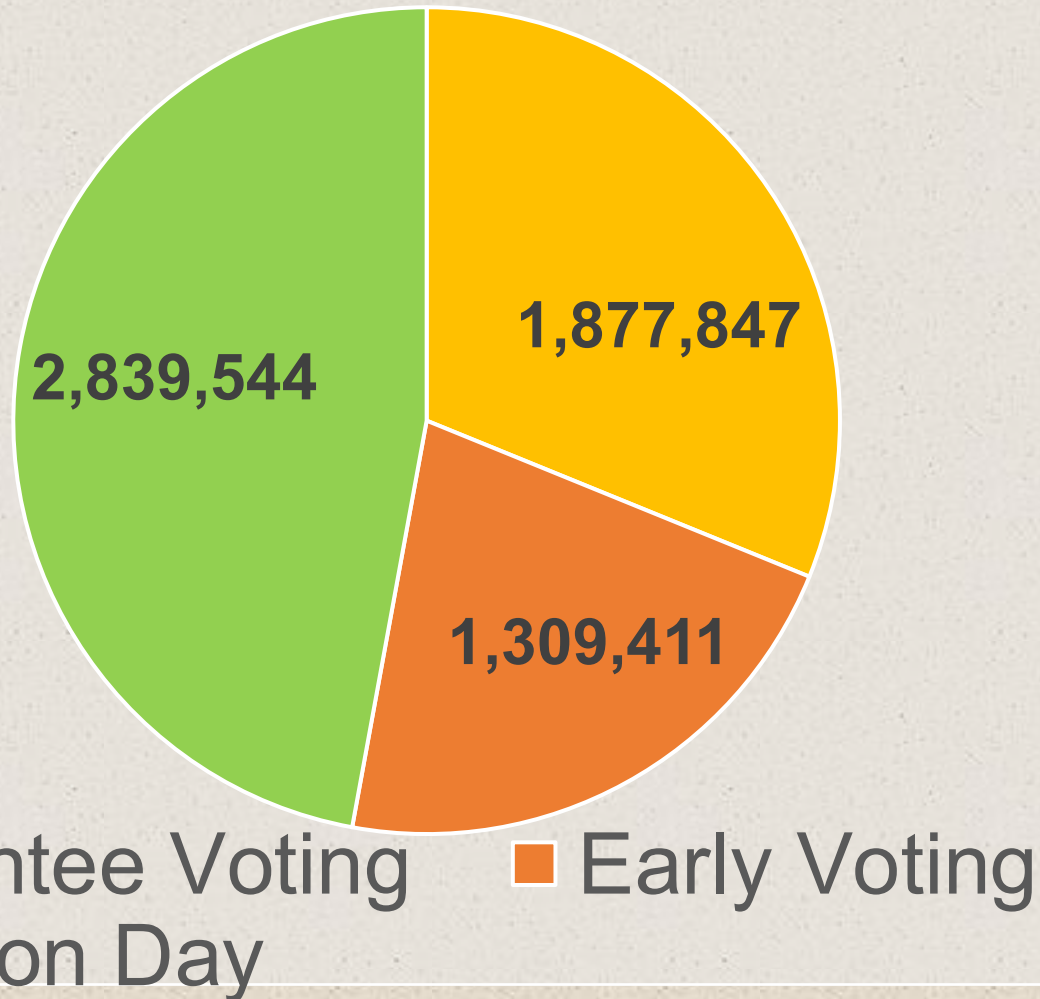


**Secretary of State Ken Detzner**



# The Numbers

## General Election 2014





# 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

52.9%

Percentage of voters who voted either by absentee ballot or during early voting in the election

[3,187,258 out of a total 6,026,802 voters.]



# 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

50.51%

Percentage of voters who voted

6,026,802 voters out of  
11,931,533 active registered voters



# 2012 vs 2014 GENERAL ELECTION





# 2014 General Election

## Absentee Ballot Statewide Statistics

- **Total mailed:** 2,659,644
  - Mailed and canceled: 22,064 (0.83%)
  - Mailed not returned 753,866 (28.3%)
  - Mailed undeliverable: 39,068 (1.4%)
    - Stateside: 38,632
    - Overseas: 436



# 2014 General Election

## Absentee Ballot Statewide Statistics

Total returned: 1,905,771 (71.7% of those mailed)

⇒ Voted: 1,877,847 (98.5% of those returned)

⇒ Not voted: 27,924 (1.5% of those returned)

⇒ Missing signature: 6,481 (0.34% of returned)

⇒ Other voter error: 21,443 (1.1% of returned)



# Open Dialogue:

1. Absentee Ballot (AB) Request Process
2. Procedures for Emergency Delivery of AB on Election Day
3. Returned AB Processing Procedures
4. Procedures for Unsigned ABs
5. AB Canvassing Procedures (including duplication of FWAB and overvotes)



# Absentee Ballot Requests - Process

Alan is registered in Duval County. He submitted an absentee ballot request on October 10, 2011. Is his absentee ballot request still good for the special election to be held on January 27, 2015?



# Absentee Ballot Request Process

**Answer:** Unless stated otherwise in the request, the request is valid to receive an absentee ballot for all elections through the end of the calendar year for the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election.

In Alan's case, the next 2 general elections following his request were in 2012 and 2014. His request expired at midnight, December 31, 2014. Thus, the request is not valid for the January 2015 special election.



# **Election Day Emergency Delivery of Absentee Ballot**

Bob is registered in Lake County. He asked his brother, Bill, to pick up an absentee ballot for him on election day (November 4, 2014). Bill went to the Supervisor of Elections' office on election day. What does he have to complete or provide in order to receive the absentee ballot?



# Election Day Emergency Delivery of Absentee Ballot

**Answer:** **DS-DE 136** (Election Day Absentee Ballot Delivery Affidavit); plus, the designee must provide:

1. Photo ID;
2. The voter's written authorization permitting the designee to pick up the ballot (if not already on file); and
3. The designee must provide a separate affidavit (**DS-DE 37**) that indicates the designee is authorized. (s. 101.62(4)(c)4., F.S.)



# Returned AB Processing Procedures

Carla is a registered voter in Manatee County but was on sabbatical in California for several months up to and including the November 4, 2014 General Election. She voted absentee. The Supervisor of Elections' office date-and-time-stamped the ballot as received on November 13, 2014 at 3:03 pm. Could the ballot have been canvassed and counted?



# Returned AB Processing Procedures

**Answer:** Carla's ballot should be rejected as too late and not counted.

The 10-day extension only applies to "overseas" voters. All other voters must have their absentee ballot returned by 7pm on Election Day.



# Returned AB Processing Procedures Omitted Signature on Ballot

Professor Moriarty is a registered voter in Gulf County. He is checking off a number of things to do before he leaves for a trip to Sweden on October 31, 2016. As soon as he drops off his absentee ballot at the U.S. Post Office, he realizes he did not sign his envelope/certificate. What can he do at that point and what obligation does the Supervisor of Elections have to notify him of the omission before the General Election on November 8, 2016 ?  
*Assume law does not change.*



# Returned AB Processing Procedures Omitted Signature on Ballot

**Answer:** The professor may contact the SOE before leaving and execute the Absentee Ballot Certificate and provide the requisite ID to “cure” the missing signature.

The SOE has no obligation to notify him of the omission before the General Election on November 8, 2016. Section 101.68, F.S., mandates that the SOE provide notification on behalf of the canvassing board, but provides no timeline for doing so.



# Canvass of Absentee Ballots

When is the earliest and latest that the canvass of absentee ballots may begin?



# Canvass of Absentee Ballots

## Answer:

Canvassing of absentee ballots may begin at 7am of the 15<sup>th</sup> day before the election, but not later than Noon on the day following the election. (s. 101.69(2)(a), F.S.)

- Canvass Early - Don't Procrastinate!



# Canvass of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

An overseas voter submits both a FWAB and regular Absentee Ballot (AB). The FWAB arrives by 7pm on Election Day and the regular AB arrives days later, but within the 10-day post-election deadline for ballots from overseas voters in s. 101.6952(5), F.S.

**What ballot gets canvassed and counted?**



# Canvass of Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

## A Conflict Exists in the law:

**Federal law:** FWAB will not be counted if the official AB is received by the deadline for receipt of the official AB *as provided by state law* [this could be 10 days after the election in certain Florida elections per s. 101.6952(5), F.S.]

**Florida law:** Each FWAB received by 7pm on Election Day shall be canvassed unless the official AB is *received by 7pm, Election Day*. (s. 101.6952(3)(b), F.S.)



# Resolution of Conflict -- DE 14-05 (Dec 5, 2014)

■ **Summary:** In elections to which the 10-day provision in section 101.6952(5) applies, when an overseas voter who has previously requested an absentee ballot submits a FWAB that is received by 7 p.m. on election day, the FWAB should be set aside and should not be canvassed until 10 days after Election Day. If the voter's official Florida absentee ballot is received within the 10-day period and is otherwise proper, that ballot should be canvassed, and the FWAB should not be counted. If the voter's official Florida absentee ballot is not properly received within the 10-day period, the FWAB should then be canvassed. For all other elections, the FWAB shall be processed in accordance with section 101.6952(3)(b).



# CONCLUSION

**Any Questions or  
Comments?**





Florida Department of State

# Questions and Answers

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GARY HOLLAND

ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR

*DECEMBER 8, 2014*





# Background

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- The following are some selected questions that we have received in recent months.
- The names have been changed to protect the innocent.
- How would you answer?



# Category

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3PVRO



# Question #1

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- What is the deadline for a 3PVRO to deliver the voter registration applications it collects to the Division or the Supervisor of Elections?



# Question #1 – Response

Despite s. 97.0575, F.S., providing that the 3PVRO is liable for a \$50 fine if not delivered within 48 hours, the 48-hour period was declared unconstitutional and Rule 1S-2.042 correctly reflects the court's ruling that the 3PRVO has **10 days** to deliver the application to the Division or SOE. (This is one time that a rule controls over what is in statute.)

Note, however, if the application was collected by the 3PVRO prior to book closing, then the 3PVRO must deliver it before book closing even if within the 10-day period.



## Question #2

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If a 3PVRO collects an application signed before book closing but does not hand deliver the application to the SOE Office until after book closing, would you process the application and what would the date of registration be?



## Question #2 - Response

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You must process the application as you would any application received into your office. However, the voter regrettably would not be eligible to vote in the upcoming election because the application was untimely submitted (albeit through no fault of voter) – the date of the registration is the hand delivery date. The voter assumes the risk that the 3PVRO will turn in the application timely. You will need to report the violation to the Division – see Rule [1S-2.042](#)(8)(c), FS.

The voter may likewise file a complaint against 3PVRO.



# Category

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## Write-in Candidates



# Question #3

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- According to statute, when must a write-in candidate reside in the district represented by the office sought?



# Question #3 – Response

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Section 99.0615, F.S., requires that a write-in candidate must reside within the district represented by the office sought **at the time of qualifying.**

**Note:** Litigation is ongoing if this imposes a requirement for state legislators not contained in the Florida Constitution.



# Category

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## Campaign Finance



# Question #4

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- If a candidate has qualified by the petition method, must the candidate reimburse for the waived election assessment before disposing of surplus funds?



# Question #4 – Response

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No – the candidate need not reimburse for a waived election assessment, but must reimburse the applicable governmental entity for waived candidate **petition verification fees**. (*See s. 106.141(7), F.S.*)



# Question #5

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- May a candidate accept a campaign contribution in a church?



# Question #5 – Response

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Yes – The only prohibition on where a candidate may accept a contribution is found in s. 106.15(4), F.S. (in a building owned by a governmental entity).



# Question #6

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Is the mere act of giving of a contribution sufficient to disqualify a canvassing board member?



# Question #6 -- Response

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No. See DE 09-07 (which also makes reference to DE 08-10). These opinions explain when a canvassing member becomes disqualified based upon the language in section 102.141, F.S.



# Question #7

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Is it permissible for a person to distribute free water and snacks within the 100' No Solicitation Zone?



## Question #7 – Suggested response

As long as the water and snacks do not have campaign advertisements on them or the person passing them out is not campaigning; as such, there is no *direct* prohibition in law.

Note that s. 102.031, FS, defines “solicitation” non-exclusively - so just because it is not listed, does not mean it is allowed. It could be very difficult for precinct deputies to police what is happening with the giveaways. Authority is to take whatever action necessary to maintain order at precinct.



# Category

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## Early Voting



# Question #8

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- During a special election for a state legislative seat, must the SOE have the same number of early voting sites that the county had in the 2012 presidential election?
- Does it make a difference if the district for the state legislative seat covers only a portion the county?



# Question #8 – Suggested Response

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The Division interprets F.S. 101.657, to set the minimum number of early voting sites for a special primary or special election involving a state or federal race held by a county as:

- The Supervisor of Elections must **always** permit early voting in main or branch office of the supervisor. (The 1-year requirement for a branch office to be used as an early voting site still applies.) In addition:
- For a special primary or special election that covers the **entire county**, the number of early voting sites must at a minimum be the same number that existed in the county for the 2012 general election.
- For a special primary or special election **for an office covering only a portion (district) of a county**, the number of early voting sites must at a minimum be the same number that existed in that portion (district) of the county for the 2012 general election.



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## Public Records



# Question #9

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- The SOE receives a public records request for the names, voter ID numbers, and the date and reason for removal of all voters removed from the voter rolls in the last 6 months.
- Should the SOE include removals based upon deaths received from SSA?



# Question #9 – Suggested Response

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The SOE may not disclose any information from the SSA Death Master File, except the fact of death for a 3-year period after the date of death.

The name, voter ID, and date of removal are matters the SOE has apart from the SSA Master File, so the SOE may disclose those items and the reason for removal as death (i.e., the fact of death).



# Question #10

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- One of three active candidates who have filed the appointment of campaign treasurer form (DS-DE 9) for 2016 has requested access to the absentee ballot data for a special election occurring in 2015.
- Is the candidate entitled to the absentee data information?



# Question #10 – Response

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No – F.S. 101.62(3) permits a candidate “opposed in an upcoming election” to have access. The Division’s interpretation is that a candidate cannot be determined to be “opposed in an upcoming election” until after the end of the qualifying period for that candidate (which would not occur until 2016).



# Question #11

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- Your office has been contacted by an out-of-state district attorney who seeks to obtain a voter's signature from the voter registration rolls in your county. May you provide it?
- Would it matter if the request came from your local state attorney?



# Question #11 – Response

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You may not provide it to either without a court order or subpoena.

F.S. 97.0585(2): “The signature of a voter registration applicant or a voter is exempt from the copying requirements of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.”



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## Mail Ballot Election



# Question #12

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- May a mail ballot election be held in any circumstance other than a referendum election at which all or a portion of the qualified electors of a subdivision of government are the only electors eligible to vote?



# Question #12 – Response

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No – Section 101.6102, F.S., provides that an election by mail ballot may be conducted if the election is a referendum election at which all or a portion of the qualified electors of one of the following subdivisions of government are the only electors eligible to vote: counties, cities, school districts covering no more than one county, or special districts.



# Category

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## Absentee Ballots



# Question #13

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- Does the 10-day after-the-election provision for overseas voters to have their absentee ballot received by the SOE apply to a primary election?
- What about to a special primary election to fill a vacancy in office?



# Question #13 – Response

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F.S. 101.6952(5) provides that the 10-day provision applies to a PPP or general election.

It applies to the special primary election due to F.S. 100.191 (“All laws applicable to general elections are applicable to special elections or special primary elections to fill a vacancy in office or nomination).”

Thus, the answers are “No to a primary election” and “Yes to the special primary election.”



# Question #14

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- Does the 10-day overseas absentee ballot extension apply to city elections held in conjunction with a state/county general election?



# Question #14 – Response

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Yes ... the county canvassing board cannot certify the results for the municipal election until after the expiration of the 10-day period if any of outstanding 10-day ballots include a municipal race/issue on the ballot.



# Question #15

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- An overseas voter returned a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Must the voter previously have requested an absentee ballot for the election for the canvassing board to count the FWAB?



# Question #15 – Response

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Yes – per 52 U.S.C. 20303(a)(1) and F.S. 101.6952(2)(a), the voter must have made a timely application for an official absentee ballot before using a FWAB.



# Question #16

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## General Election Absentee Ballot scenario:

- A married couple registered in County A were sent absentee ballots. They subsequently registered in County B on October 27, 2014.
- Their Voter Certificate envelopes have a postmark of October 27, 2014 from County B.
- Their Voter Certificate envelopes were received in County A's SOE Office on October 29, 2014.

Can these ballots be counted in County A? If not, can these voters vote in County B in the general election?



# Question #16 –Response

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- The absentee ballot cannot be counted, nor can they legally vote in County B.
- Per s. 101.68, F.S., at the time of receipt of the ballot, the SOE is to determine if the voter is a duly registered voter in the county. Based upon the scenario, the voters were not (i.e., they were registered in another county by the time the SOE received their ballots). The statute provides only one corrective fix to the law that an absentee ballot is deemed cast at the time the SOE receives the ballot and that is when the voter forgets to sign the voter's certificate.
- Thus, the voters have cast an illegal ballot in County A since they were not registered voters in the county at the time of receipt. Nor can they vote in County B since they cannot vote more than once in the same election.



# Question #17

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- The SOE had mailed an absentee ballot to a military voter. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the SOE received notice from another state the voter had registered there. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the SOE received the military voter's voted ballot for the general election.
- Does the ballot count in Florida?



# Question #17 -- Response

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F.S. 98.045(2)(a) provides that information from an election official in another state that the person has registered in the other state shall be considered a written request to have the voter's name removed from the voter rolls. Here, if the removal occurred before the SOE received the ballot, it is an invalid ballot since the voter would no longer be an eligible voter. [Comment: What happens if the voter registered in the other state after its book closing date? Answer: The voter is still able to vote presidential and vice-presidential race only in a presidential election year.]



# Question #18

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Voter A requests an absentee ballot but Voter B in same household returns Voter A's absentee ballot signed by Voter B. Voter B did not request an absentee ballot. When comparing signatures, the ballot is rejected by the canvassing board for signature (and name) not matching.

Is Voter A still entitled to cast a ballot?



# Question 18 -- Suggested response

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Voter A has never voted, so A should at least be able to vote a provisional ballot and be able to explain the circumstances so that the canvassing board may decide to count his ballot.

Voter B cannot vote again because B has already voted (albeit fraudulently) – if B insists, then he votes a provisional ballot that should not be counted due to voting twice in the same election.



# Question #19

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Can a voted sample ballot returned in an absentee ballot envelope be canvassed and counted?



# Question #19 – Suggested Response

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It is the discretion of the canvassing board to canvass and count the ballot. The Election Code is silent. However, the recommended course of action is if the board is able to determine the voter's choices, then duplicate choices onto an official absentee ballot as it would do for a damaged absentee ballot.



# Question #20

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May a 91-year old person who is registered to vote, blind, suffers from dementia and residing in an assisted living facility vote by absentee ballot?



# Question #20 – Suggested Response

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**Yes, until a court order holds the person to be mentally incapacitated and the person's right to vote is removed.**

The absentee ballot request must be on record either submitted by the person or an immediate family member. *Absentee ballot requests are by default good through the end of the calendar year after the 2<sup>nd</sup> general election from the date of the request. It must be renewed thereafter.*

Signature submitted on ballot certificate must match signature on record.

Such person can also vote through **supervised voting in an assisted living facility** by operation of section 101.655, F.S.

**It is a criminal offense for someone to mark a choice on a ballot for another unless it is done in accordance with section 101.655, F.S. or by voter assistance statutes** (Sections [101.051](#)(3) and [101.661](#), F.S.) If you or anyone is aware that there may be potential fraud, you can refer directly to your local state attorney or file an election fraud complaint with DOS.



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## Pre-Election Miscellaneous



# Question #21

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- What is the minimum number of training hours that a poll clerk must have prior to each election?



# Question #21 – Response

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Section 102.014(4)(a), F.S., provides that no clerk shall be entitled to work at the polls unless he or she has had a minimum of **3 hours** of training prior to each election.



# Question #22

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- Is a U.S. Passport “Card” an acceptable form of ID at the Early Voting or Election Day polls?



# Question #22 - Response

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Yes. Based on U.S. Department of State information, the Division interprets that the United States passport to encompass the U.S. passport *card*.



# Question #23

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- An elected member of a Community Development District (CDD) resigned. Does the Governor appoint someone to replace him for the remainder of the term?



# Question #23 – Response

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No – CDDs are governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

F.S. 290.006(4) provides in part: “If, during the term of office, a vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the board shall fill the vacancy by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.”



# Question #24

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- Does the Division of Elections have the authority to adopt emergency rules when there is not enough time to go through the normal rule making process?



# Question #24 – Response

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Yes. Section 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, permits emergency rules when there is “an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.” The law specifically provides that rules pertaining to the public health, safety, or welfare include rules pertaining to the Election Code (except chapters 103 and 106).



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## Post- Election and Canvassing



# Question #25

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- What is the mandatory deadline for the canvassing board to report all early voting and tabulated absentee ballots after the polls close on election day?



# Question #25 – Response

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The deadline is 30 minutes after the polls close – s. 102.141(3)(b), F.S., makes this mandatory (“shall” not “may”).



# Question #26

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When may provisional ballots be canvassed?



## Question #26 – Suggested Response

If the voter can be determined to be eligible without waiting until the 5 pm deadline on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day after the election for the voter to bring in evidence of eligibility, then the provisional ballot may be canvassed, *e.g.*, the voter otherwise eligible voted provisionally solely because he or she did not have proper ID.

Otherwise, do not canvass provisional ballots until after the deadline.

Provide notice the board may be canvassing provisional ballots, if any.



# Question #27

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Is it an overvote if a voter fills in an oval/arrow for a candidate and then fills in oval/arrow for a write-in candidate and writes in a name of a non-qualified person?



# Question #27 - Response

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Yes, it is an overvote.

See Rules 1S-2.027(5)(e), F.A.C.



# Question #28

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When would a statewide recount be called in a general election in a gubernatorial election year (or in a presidential election year)?



# Question #28 -- Response

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All counties must report the 1<sup>st</sup> set of unofficial returns (due by noon, 4<sup>th</sup> day after general election) before Secretary of State cannot order a statewide machine recount.

If machine recount triggered, the Secretary will order immediately.

10-day overseas absentees are not included in the machine recount, except if received and tabulated before recount. (continued)



# Continued Response to Question #28

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Machine recount results are included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of unofficial returns – no later 3pm, 9<sup>th</sup> day after election.

If 2<sup>nd</sup> set triggers manual recount (i.e., over and under votes only), the Secretary will order immediately).

The results of the manual recount, if done, will be included in the official returns due at Noon, 12<sup>th</sup> day after the election.

The official results will include all 10-day overseas ballots received and tabulated.



# Question #29

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- The SOE conducted a city election in conjunction with the November 4, 2014, general election.
- Must the SOE prepare the certificate of election for those candidates elected to city office in the general election?



# Question #29 – Response

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Yes – F.S. 102.155 provides: “The supervisor shall give to any person the election of whom is certified by the county canvassing board a certificate of the person’s election.”



# Question #30

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- Must all canvassing board members sign the post-election voting system audit report?



# Question #30 – Suggested Response

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At a minimum, 2 of the 3 canvassing board members must sign the post-election voting system audit report.

See Advisory Opinion DE 05-08 as to the number of canvassing board members required to participate at various stages of the election process. “A canvassing board may act in an official capacity when a majority of the members are present, unless otherwise specified in statute or rule.”



# Conclusion

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**Any questions? ...**

**If you ask, we will make an effort to answer!**





# Florida Department of State

## OVERVIEW AND UPDATE ON RULES – What's Ahead

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# Overview of Rulemaking Process



# General Rulemaking Timelines: Law

1-2 days for notice to be published in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR). (Submit by 3pm, will be published the following day in FAR.)

- **Notice of Rule Development:** 14-day advance published notice before workshop (1 or more workshops can be held)
- **Notice of Proposed Rule:** 21-day advance published notice (w/ proposed text) before public hearing. (90-day clock to adopt rule starts ticking from published notice.)
- **Notice of Change:** 21-day advance published notice before rule adoption (required if substantive changes made after Notice of Proposed Rule)



# General Rulemaking Timelines: Law

- **Filing for Adoption:** 7-day advance review by Legislature's Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) to give its OK before rule adoption (Purpose to ensure: adequate statutory basis, all applicable procedures are followed, and not illegal)
- **Effective Date:**
  - Default: 20 days from date filed for adoption
  - Later specified date (*i.e.*, 20 days plus)
  - Upon legislative ratification (for those rules that trigger economic impact thresholds)



# General Rulemaking Timelines: Additional Requirements

- **DOS Internal review:** All notices must be reviewed and approved by chain of command - Division Director, General Counsel, Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Secretary
- **OFARR:** At a minimum, notices of Rule Development, Proposed Rule and Notice of Change must be submitted to Governor's **Office of Fiscal Accountability & Regulatory Reform** one week in advance of FAR submission (includes economic impact analysis which also determines whether rule will require legislative ratification to become effective)
- **Annual Regulatory Plan** (due July 1 to OFARR, legislative leaders & JAPC) – provides anticipated rulemaking for the FY.



# **RULES --**

# **What's Ahead?**



# Thoughts to Ponder

Elections are like the God of the Old Testament -- lots of rules and little mercy, except for the few righteous who follow the rules!

Elections rules are *not* meant to be broken.



# “Major” Rules Undergoing Revision in 2015

- **Rule 1S-2.0115** (SOE Salary Certification)
- **Rule 1S-2.015** (Minimum Security Procedures)
- **Rule 1S-2.031** (Recount)
- **Rule 1S-2.032** (Uniform Ballot)
- **Rule 1S-2.043** (Electronic File Reporting of AB, EV, Election Results, Voting History) – to be split and new **Rule 1S-2.053** created
- **Rule 1S-5.001** (Voting Systems Standards)



## **Rule 1S-2.0115** (Certification Requirements for Supervisors of Elections for Special Qualification Salary)

- **FS 145.09:** To qualify for the special salary, the SOE “must complete the requirements established by the Division of Elections” and DOS “shall adopt rules to establish the certification requirements.”
- Rule not updated since creation in January 2006.
- Expect Notice of Rule Development soon!



# Rule 1S-2.0115: Why update?

1. Have DOE assume responsibility for all aspects of developing, administering, and grading of the certification test.
2. Simply the calculations for credit hours to obtain initial certification – one credit for each hour (not one credit for 12 hours of training).
3. Include attendance at DOE workshops for obtaining continuing education credits.
4. Limit permissible “for credit” courses to those that more closely deal with election law (in lieu of public records, ethics, public administration, office and stress management).
5. Clarify more fully the timelines for certification.
6. Mandate that Division provide notice to SOEs as they near the certification deadline.



## **Rule 1S-2.015** (Minimum Security Procedures for Voting Systems)

- **FS 101.015:** Contains 4 specific mandates for the DOS to adopt rules in the areas of minimum security standards for hardware, software, and voting systems, as well as to achieve and maintain maximum degree of correctness and efficiency of voting procedures.
- Rule not updated since November 2004.
- Expect Notice of Rule Development soon!



# Rule 1S-2.015: Why update?

1. Define additional terms used in the rule.
2. Ensure that DOE has latest version of county's security procedures on file.
3. Adapt rule to current procedures for odd-year review of counties' minimum security procedures and to clarify timelines for the review process.
4. Provide more detailed contents for security procedures to enhance security of the voting system and all ballots (absentee, provisional, early voting, and Election Day).



# Rule 1S-2.031 (Recount Procedures)

- FS 102.141(7)(d) and 102.166(5)(d) require DOS to adopt detailed rules prescribing additional recount procedures other than those specified in statute.
- Last updated in November 2005.
- Expect 2d Notice of Rule Development soon – we had a workshop on April 9, 2014. We have revised the draft rule based upon comments made at the workshop.



# Rule 1S-2.031: Why update?

1. Revise who orders a recount in a state contest based upon statutory change.
2. Define additional terms used in the rule.
3. Clarify that rule applies to municipal elections when county voting system is used.
4. Stress security of ballots.
5. Clarify when recount may begin.
6. Advance notice of who representatives at recount will be.
7. Provide procedures when recount exists in race where votes may be given to more than one candidate.
8. Update names of applicable voting systems.



# Rule 1S-2.032 (Uniform Primary and General Election Ballot)

- **FS 101.151** requires DOS to adopt rules prescribing a uniform primary and general election ballot for each certified voting system, to include graphic depiction of ballots.
- Last updated in July 2004.
- Expect Notice of Rule Development in first part of year. Currently in process of drafting graphic depictions of ballots.



# Rule 1S-2.032: Why update?

1. Substantial rewrite to update, reorganize and clarify the rule's content and ballot samples.
2. Conform to statutory changes (elimination of contest headings).
3. Define additional terms used in the rule.
4. Add more specificity regarding ballot layout.
5. Provide more flexibility for possible future certifications of voting systems.
6. Clarify reasons for SOE to request deviation from the rule.



# Rule 1S-2.043 (Electronic File Reporting Relating to Absentee Ballot Request Information, Voting Activity, and Election Results)

- FS 98.0981(5) requires DOS to adopt rules and prescribe forms to carry out purpose of statute prescribing the electronic format for precinct-level elections results, voter history, and reconciliation of ballots cast with voter history.
- FS 102.141(4) and (10) require DOS to adopt rules establish required content and formats for election results.
- FS 101.62(3) and 101.657(2) require DOS to prescribe the electronic format for AB & EV upload.



# Rule 1S-2.043 (Electronic File Reporting Relating to Absentee Ballot Request Information, Voting Activity, and Election Results)

- Last updated in October 2010.
- Rule hearing held on September 15, 2014; Expect withdrawal of rule and a new Notice of Rule Development soon.
- Rule will create new **Rule 1S-2.053**, which will cover Election Results, Precinct-Level Election Results, and Reconciliation reporting.
- Rule 1S-2.043 will cover Absentee Ballot, Early Voting, and Voting History reporting.



# Rule 1S-2.043: Why update?

1. Respond to statutory changes.
2. Create uniform format for submission of election results, precinct-level election results, and the reconciliation report.
3. Better define the codes for absentee ballot status reporting.
4. Eliminate the submission of EV summary file; only require EV voters list file.
5. Specify the upload deadline is the time zone of SOE office.



# Rule 1S-5.001 (Voting Systems Equipment Regulations)

- **FS 101.015** requires the DOS to adopt rules which establish minimum standards for voting systems, to include provisional approval.
- Last updated in January 2005.
- Expect Notice of Rule Development in first part of year. Division currently is reviewing a draft 134-page “Florida Voting Systems Standards” form to be incorporated into the rule.
- Beware: This is a “techie” rule!



# Rule 1S-5.001: Why update?

1. Out-of-date based upon current technology and standards in use for new voting systems.
2. Provide standards for approval of non-tabulation systems.
3. Make the Florida Voting Systems Standards form (DS-DE 101) more comprehensive as to the standards required.
4. Modify the layout of the Standards to enhance the clarity of how the voting systems will be tested regarding each standard.



# Other rules?

You're darn tooting there are others to be revised!  
--- 2015 will be a busy year!

- Qualifying Requirements (1S-2.0001)
- Random Sampling Procedure (1S-2.008)
- Const. Amendment Initiative Petition (1S-2.0091)
- Reporting Requirements for Campaign Treasurer's reports (1S-2.017)
- Mail Ballot Election (1S-2.022)
- 3PVRO (1S-2.042)
- Candidate Petition Process (1S-2.045)
- State Campaign Matching Funds Program (1S-2.047)
- Cancellation of Political Party Filings (1S-2.050)



**What more is there to be said?**

**Any Comments or Questions**

**... The End ...**







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Executive Director



## ERIC's Mission

Assist states to improve the accuracy of voter rolls, reduce costs, and improve efficiency for state and local election offices.



### **Slide 7 – ERIC's Mission – 1 click**

The workgroup began focusing on finding a way to better understand and use data to help improve the accuracy of our roles, reduce costs and provide efficiencies.

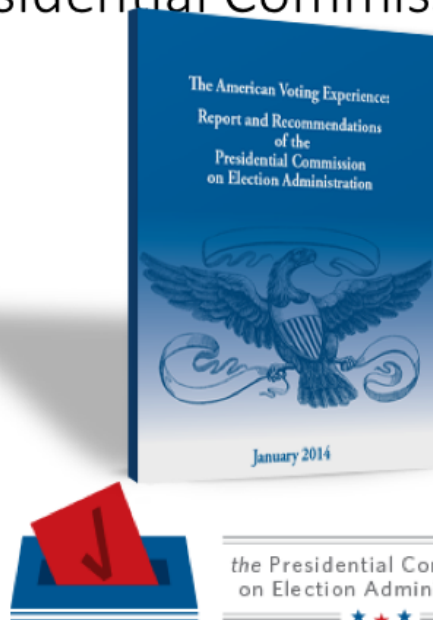
With Jeff Jonas, IBM Fellow and Chief Scientist, and Jeff Butcher, also with IBM, at the table, we focused using powerful – and proven – data matching tools already in use by the private sector.

Eventually, we developed what is now the Electronic Information Center, or ERIC.

We realized that not only would we have access to high quality data (the likes of which elections officials have never had access to before) to help clean-up our roles and keep them clean, but that we could also identify people in our state who are eligible to vote, but aren't registered.



# Presidential Commission Report



"The Commission endorses state programs to share data and to collaborate in the synchronization of voter lists so that the states, on their own initiative, come as close as possible to creating an accurate database of the eligible electorate."

[www.supportthevoter.gov](http://www.supportthevoter.gov)

the Presidential Commission  
on Election Administration





### Fully operational, self-governing, self-supporting

State-run

Incorporated May, 2012

Membership agreement

2 full-time employees

Routine uploads and reports

Recruiting new members



### 12 clicks total 2 per line

**2 clicks** – State Run. Pew's role thus far and going forward – significant financial investment, evaluators, recruitment partner, strategy, research.

**4 clicks** – Incorporated/Bylaws and Membership agreement.

Board of Directors, up to 15, 3 officers.

Pew is non-voting member. Documents are available upon request.

**2 clicks** – Full-time employee – describe what Ericka does. Executive Director timeline

**2 clicks** – Routine uploads & reports

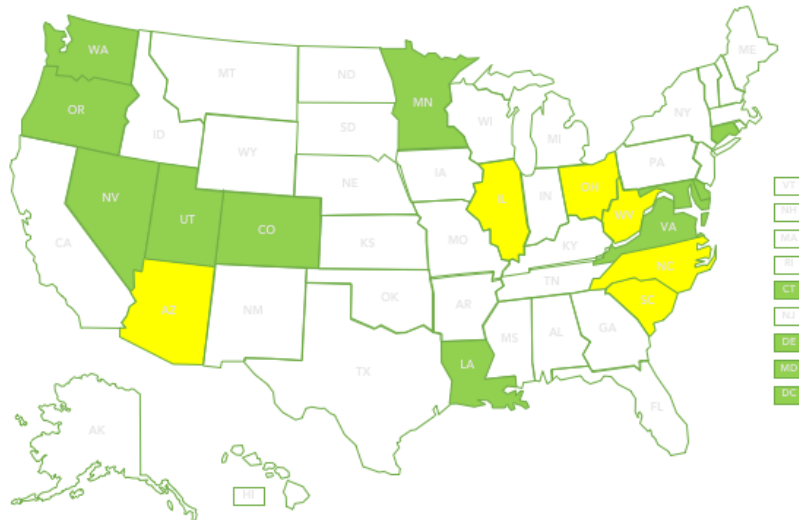
**2 clicks** – Recruiting new members. Welcome an opportunity to talk with any of you in more detail, see how we can help you overcome barriers, if you're interested in joining, anyone in your state we can talk to, etc.



ERIC states: Green

States that passed legislation: Yellow

Note: Not all states need legislation








1 Click

We are working with a couple of states that will likely join very soon, talking with several others...some in this room.

Your colleagues already a part of ERIC hope this summit gets you to think more seriously about joining us.



## ERIC Reports

-  In-state Movers
-  Cross-state Movers
-  Deceased
-  In-state Duplicates
-  Potentially Eligible but Unregistered



**5 clicks - 1 per line**

ERIC reports



# Membership Agreement

## Data

- Send data every 60 days
- Use reports within 90 days of receipt
- Each state sets specific time line
- Eligible but Unregistered before each Federal General
- Suggest list maintenance every month

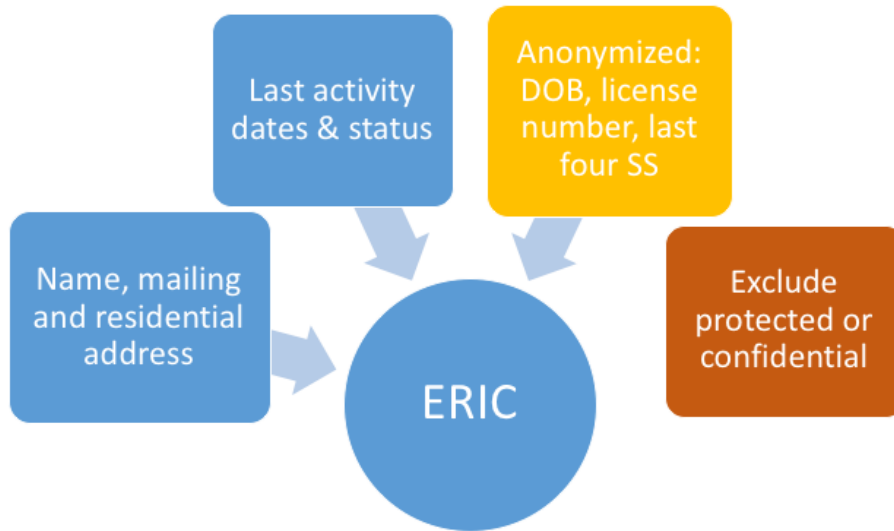
## Performance

- Registration statistics
- Online versus paper registrations
- Provisional ballot statistics
- Unregistered outreach
- Number of paper registration forms





## Voter and DMV data sent to ERIC





### ERIC report statistics as of November, 2014

| Report Type                                                                 | Records Sent     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| In-state movers<br>More recent activity in DMV record                       | 1,763,941        |
| Cross-state movers<br>More recent registration or license in<br>other state | 277,072          |
| Deceased<br>Appears on national death index                                 | 68,101           |
| In-state duplicates<br>Duplicate voter records                              | 33,108           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                | <b>2,142,222</b> |



And lastly, we report on any duplicate voters that were found during the comparison.



## November, 2014 report statistics

| Report Type                                                    | Records Sent |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Eligible but unregistered<br>In DMV but not registered to vote | 11.6 million |



DMV records with no voter counterpart

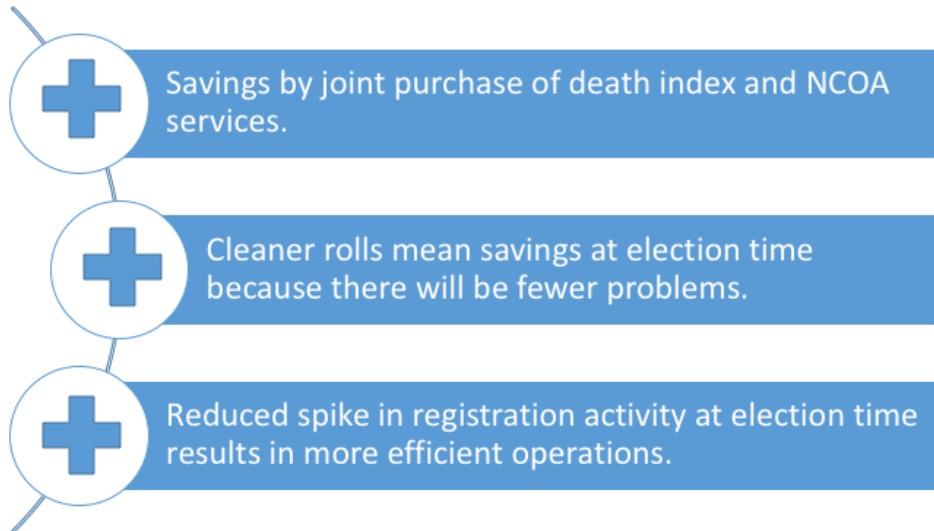
Cross-checks other state Voters

Added benefit of helping update rolls:

In 2012, states found incorrect birth dates and other information that kept records from matching. Once Washington State noticed the pattern of people calling in to say they should already be registered, they started keeping track. Just from calls to State Elections, they were able to correct over 1,100 records that ERIC was not able to identify due to a name or date of birth error.



## Benefits to states



### 3 clicks – “+” already there.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Click**

ERIC members will see cost savings through joint purchases with other ERIC states of death index and NCOA services.

Buying data services as group, and not as individual states, results in savings for all ERIC states.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Click**

Cleaner rolls mean cost savings at election time because there will be fewer problems. This gets to problems I identified early – voters who have difficulty voting on election day due to a registration issue, which consumes staff time and energy at time when there is little of either to spare.

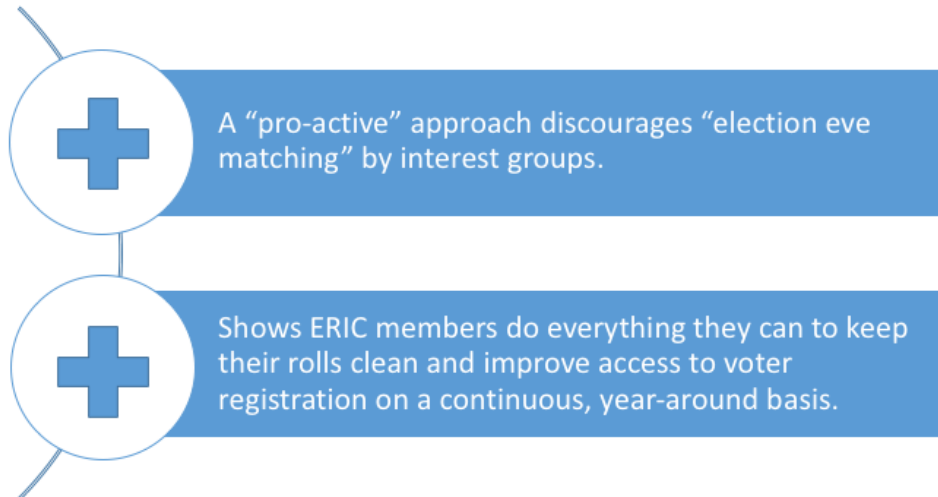
Also, fewer provisional ballots.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Click**

Voter registration activity over 48 month cycle...ERIC states conduct mailings routinely, well ahead of deadlines, should start to reduce the spike we all see at the deadline.



## Benefits to states



### 2 clicks

### Click 2 times.

These benefits are, perhaps, less tangible.

And, there are no guarantees, but there is something to be said for demonstrating to stakeholders, interests groups, candidates, the media and Legislatures that you are doing everything you can to maintain the integrity of your voter rolls, and you are also helping eligible residents get registered.

With these points in mind, I want to share a story that may sound all too familiar...



## Questions and follow-up

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# Florida: Election 2014



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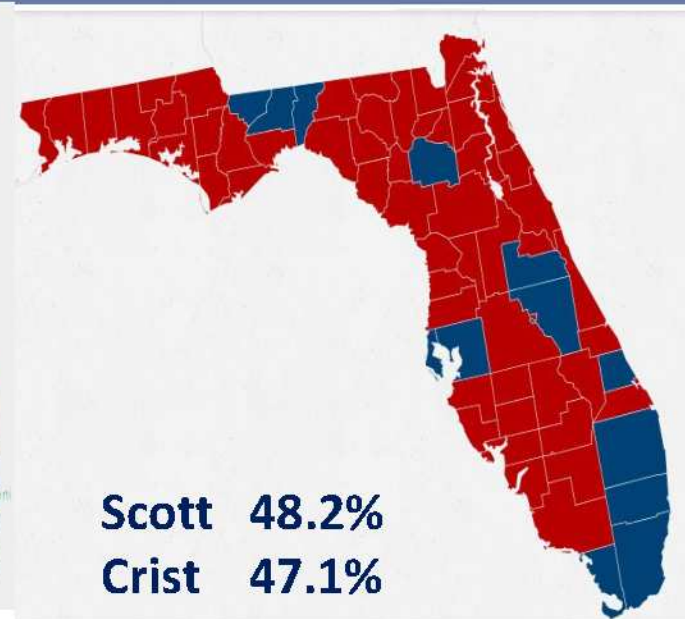
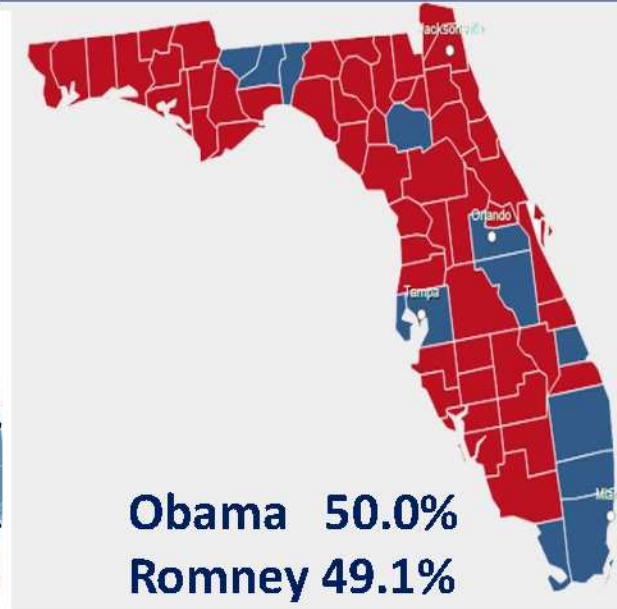
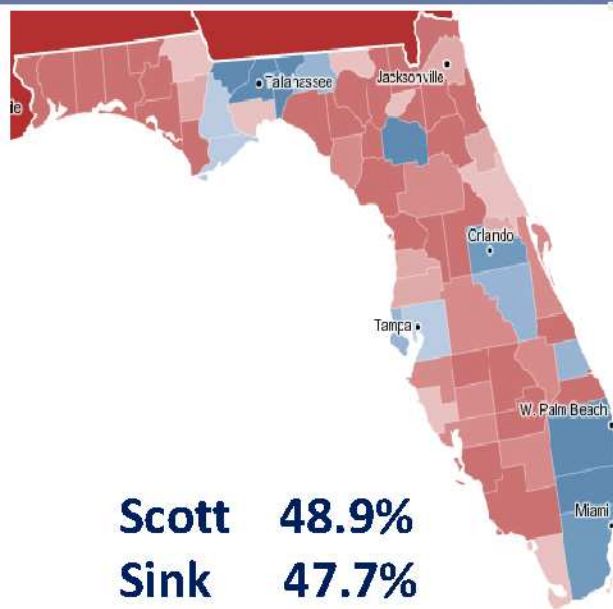
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# Florida's Close!!

## 2010 Gov., 2012 Pres., 2014 Gov. Results



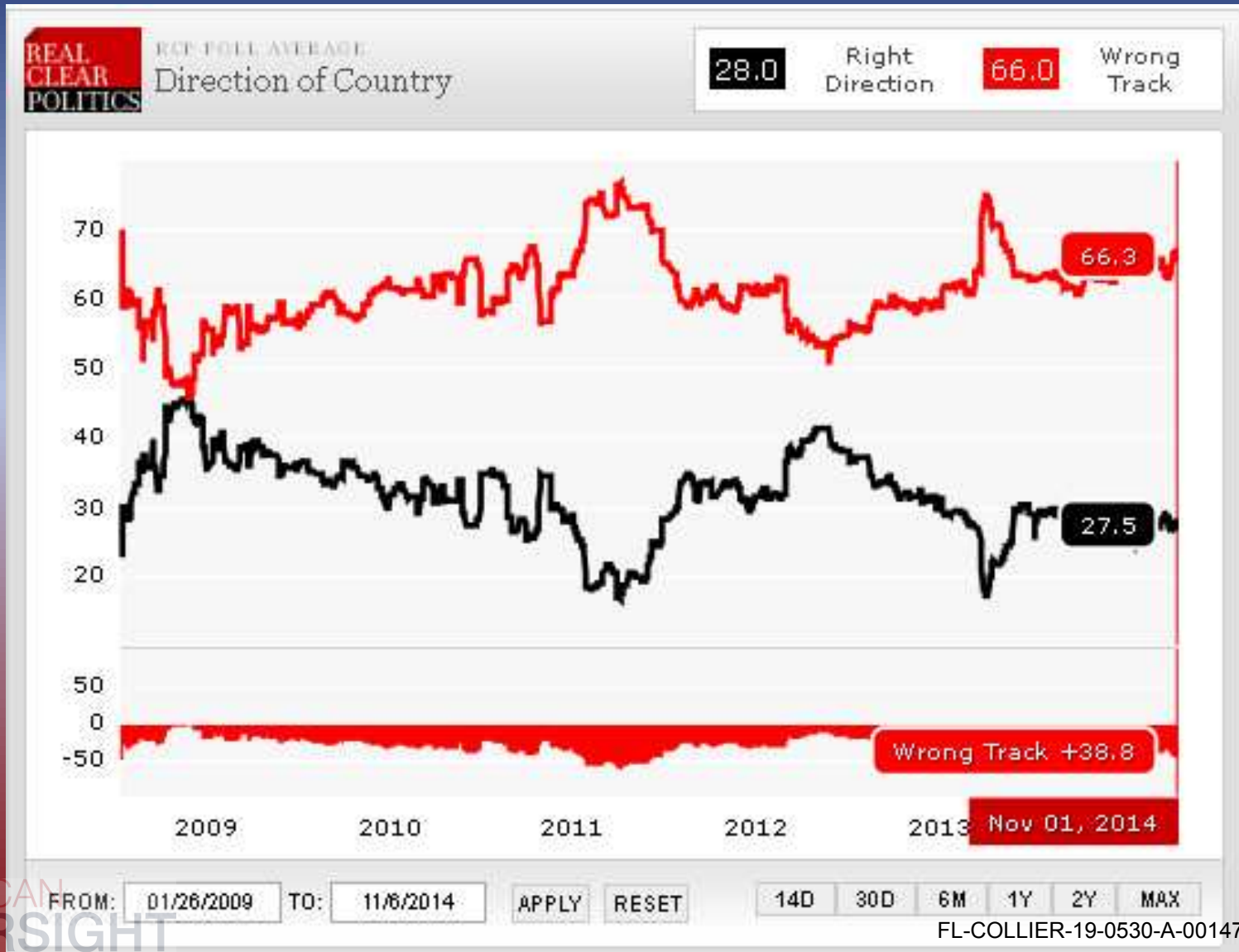
**Turnout 49%**

**72%**

**50%**



# Direction of Country







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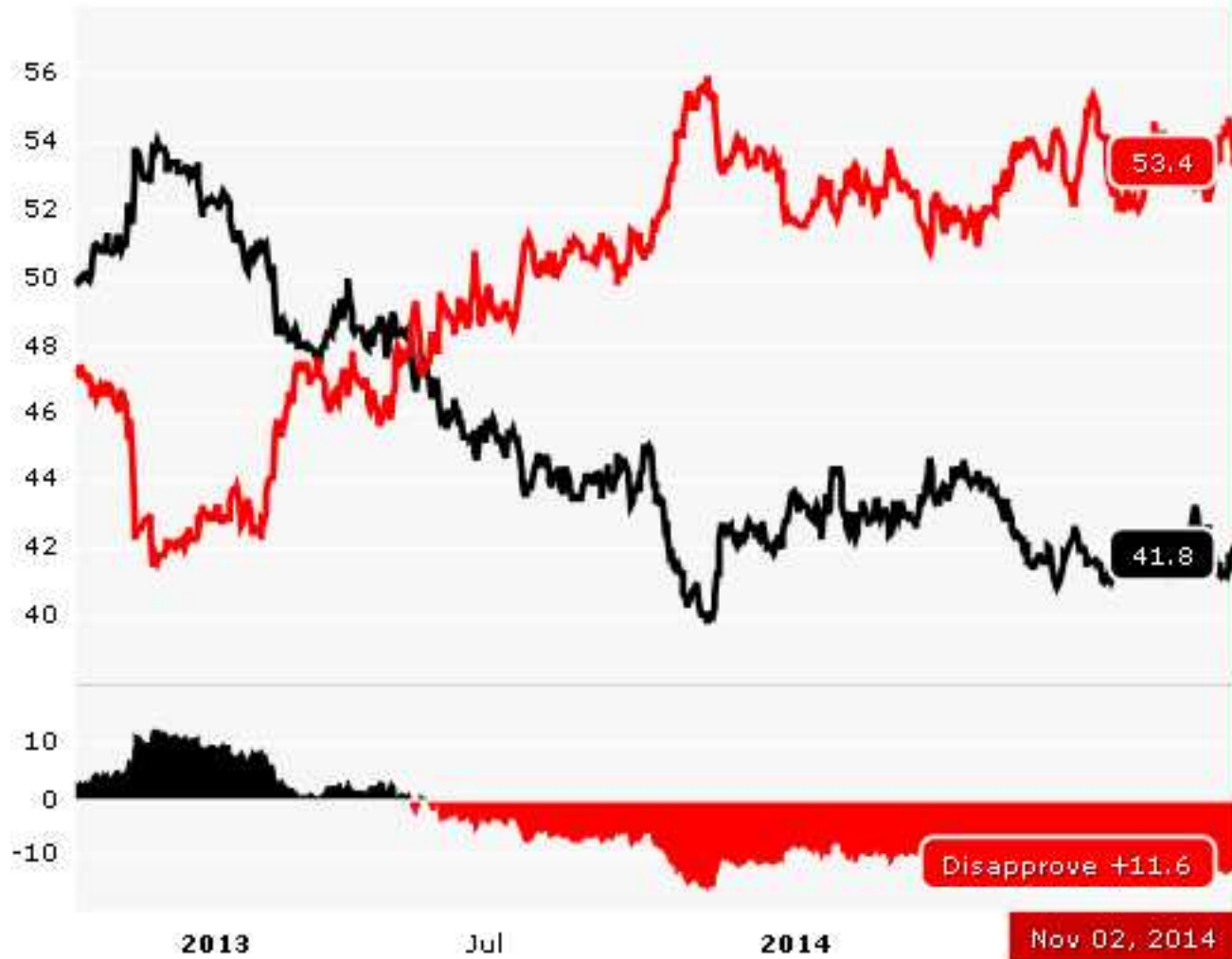
## President Obama Job Approval

41.9

Approve

53.4

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2013

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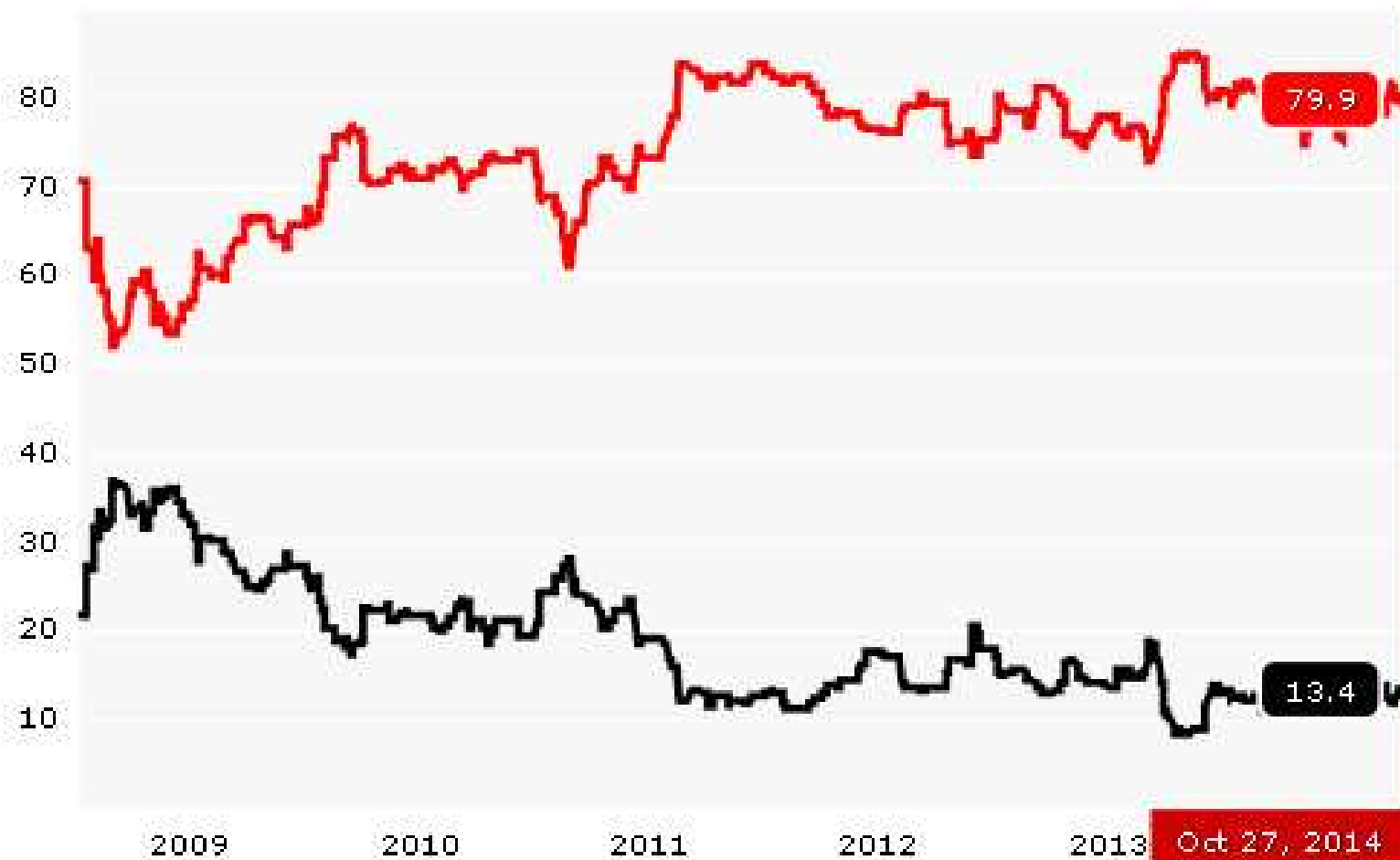


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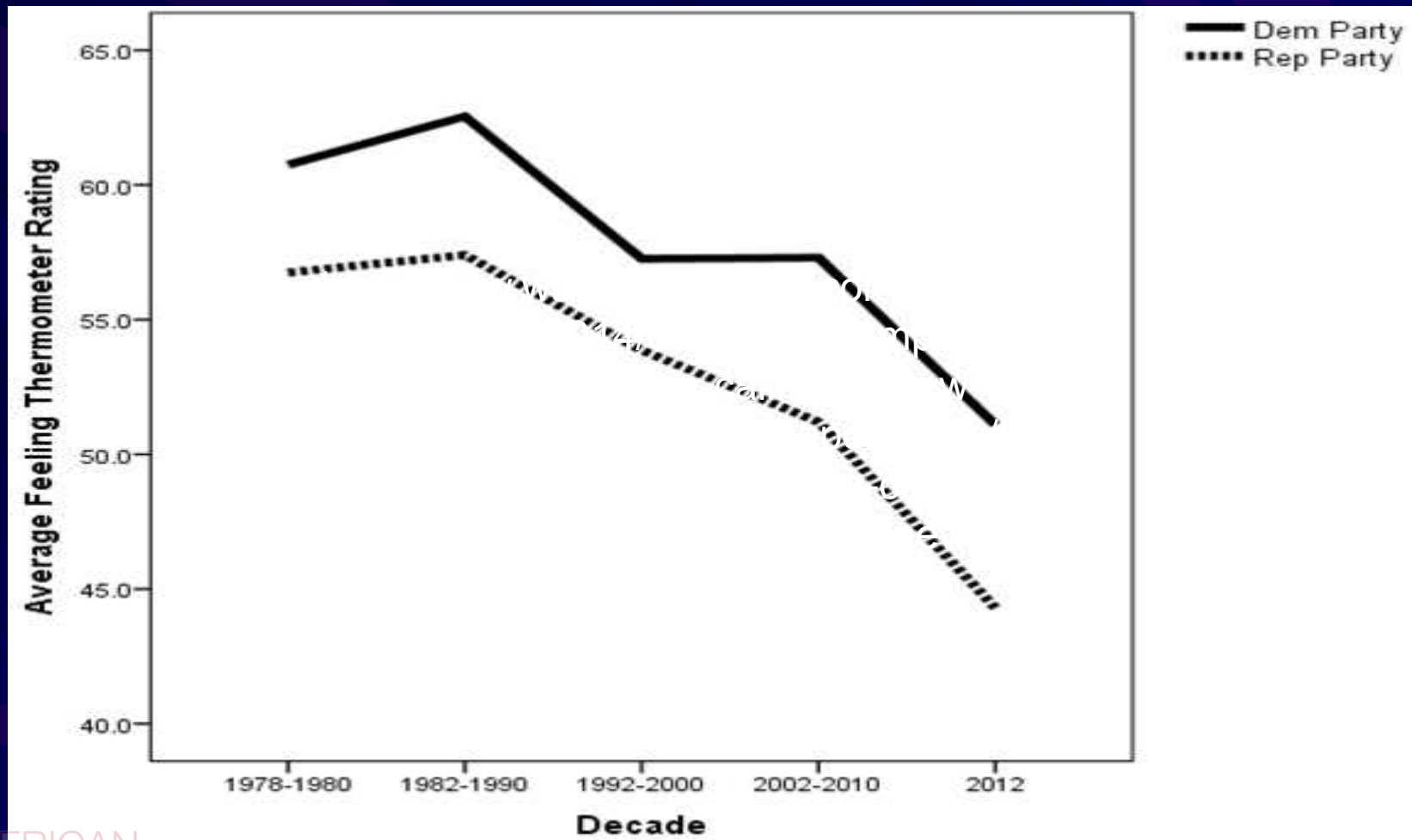
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# Average feeling thermometer ratings of Democratic and Republican parties by decade



Source: American National Election Studies and Sabato's Crystal Ball

Source: 2012 ANES, 11-001482



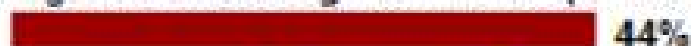
## Top 10 Daily Events that Contribute to Stress in the Past Month Among Those Experiencing 'A Great Deal of Stress'

% experiencing 'a great deal of stress in the past month' saying 'yes' contributed to stress...

Juggling schedules of family members



Hearing about what the government or politicians are doing



Watching, reading, or listening to the news



Household tasks, such as cooking and cleaning



Running errands



Handling car problems



Commuting to work



Handling household repairs



Losing something important like your keys or cell phone



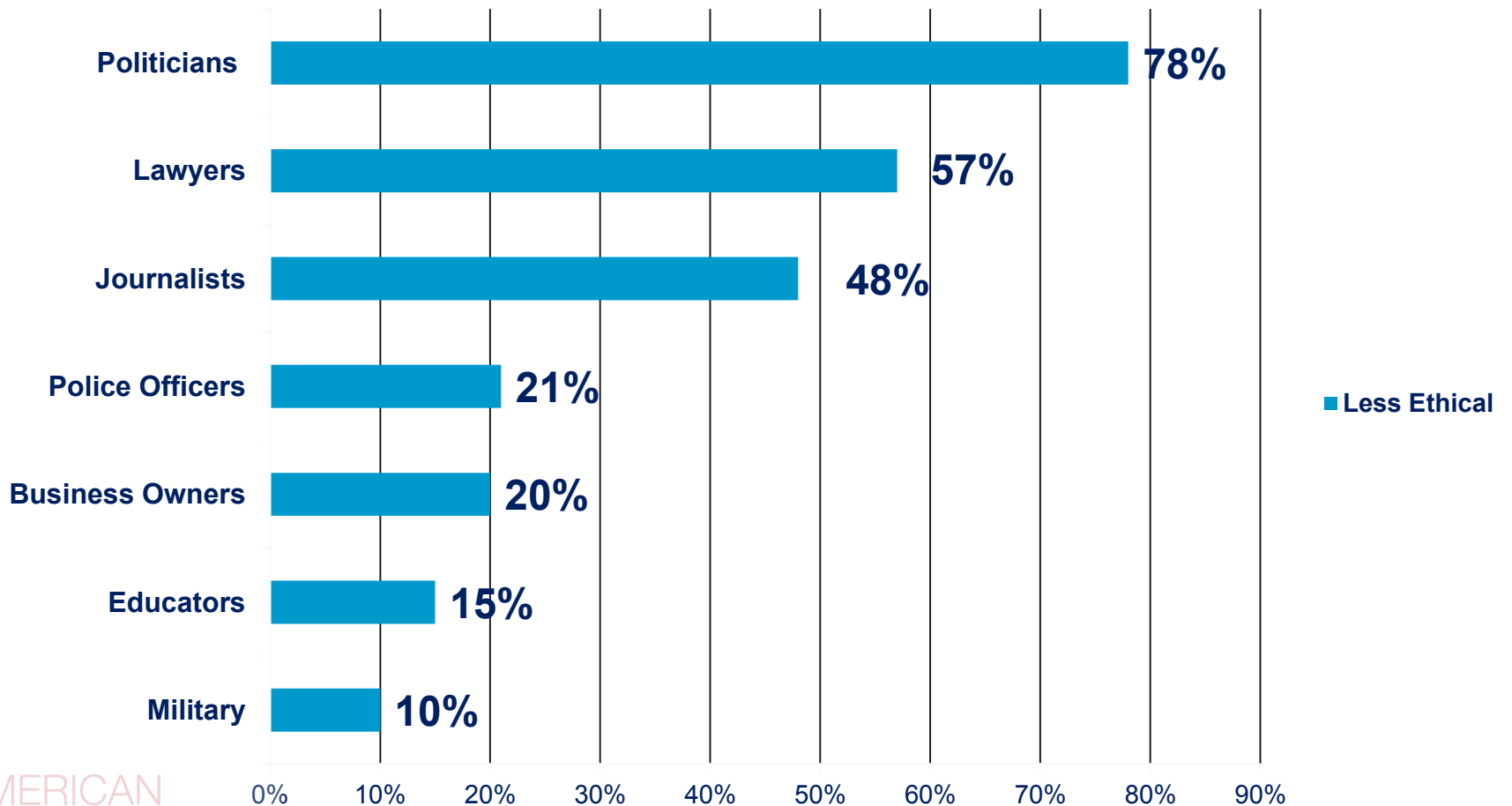
Using social media





# 78% View Politicians As Less Ethical Than Those in Other Professions

## Less Ethical





# Florida Voter Opinions: The Voting Process



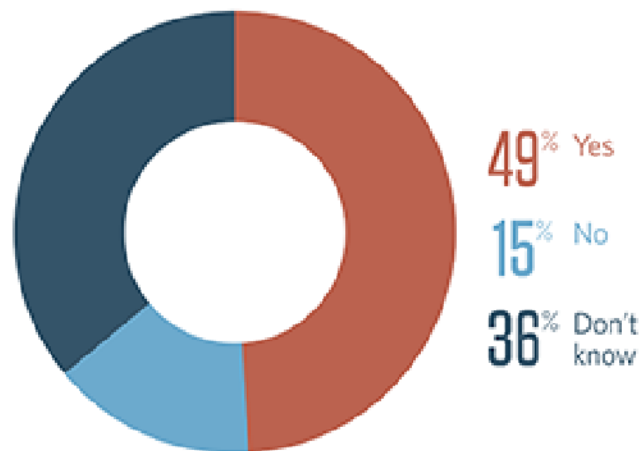


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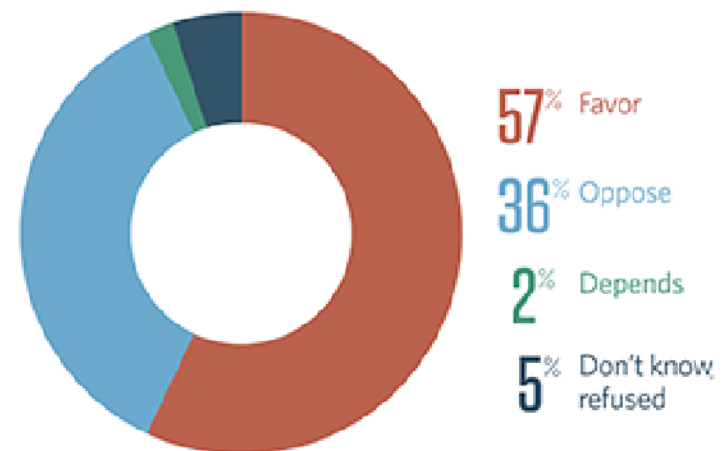
Figure 1

A Majority of Florida Voters Favor Online Voter Registration; Nearly Half Mistakenly Thought It Was Already Available

Can you register to vote or update your registration online by using a state government website in Florida?



Would you favor or oppose having the option to register to vote through an official website?



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| 34%

21 years after passage of the Motor Voter law, 34 percent of Floridians don't know they can register to vote through the state motor vehicle agency.

| 37%

37 percent of Florida voters did not know that the postal service does not automatically update their registration when they move.

## Methodology

On behalf of The Pew Charitable Trusts, Public Opinion Strategies and The Mellman Group conducted a survey of 800 registered voters in Florida. Interviews were conducted January 22-26, 2014. The margin of error on a sample size of N=800 is plus or minus 3.46 percent.

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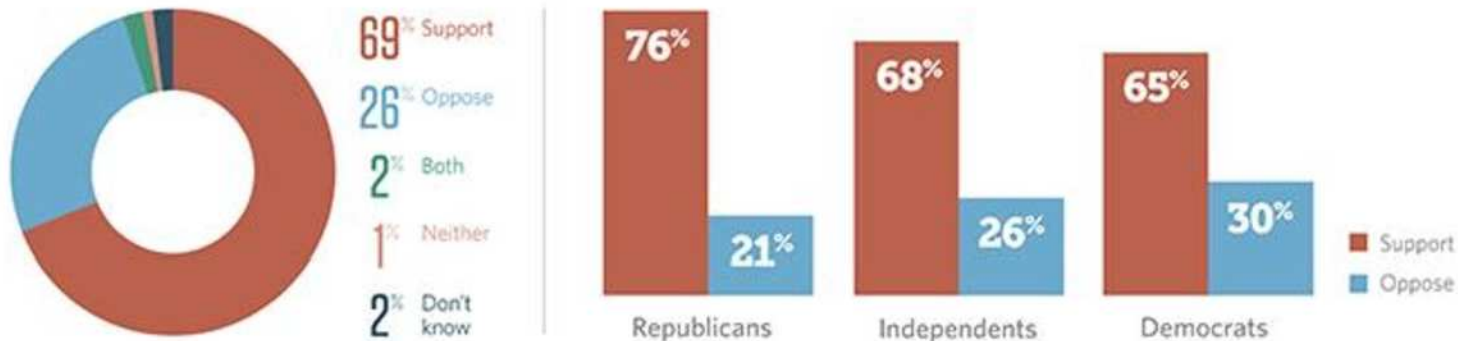


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Figure 2

## 69% of Floridians Support Keeping Voter Records Up to Date by Letting States Compare Data

After hearing arguments for and against such a policy, large majorities supported interstate comparisons of official records, such as drivers' licenses, change-of-address, and death records



**Argument in Support:** People who support this say that nationally approximately 24 million voter registrations are inaccurate or no longer valid and nearly 2 million dead people are still listed as voters. Upgrading the system would help voters keep their voter registrations up to date. It's time to improve the integrity of the system and use technology to make voter registration easier and kept up-to-date.

**Argument in Opposition:** People who oppose this say a person's information, even if it's anonymous, should not be shared and using records from other states could result in eligible voters being mistakenly taken off the rolls. The voter registration system is working well and there is no need to risk our privacy and our eligibility to vote.

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Figure 3

96% of Voters Don't Know That the Secretary of State's Office Manages Elections in Florida

Do you happen to know which office in your state is responsible for managing and conducting elections?



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Figure 4

Most People Use the Internet When Searching for Information About Elections; Search Engines Were the Most Popular Options

Would you say you would definitely use this online source to find information about your polling place or other election information?



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Results of this survey are based on 1,875 telephone interviews conducted July 30, 2014 through August 15, 2014 with a random sample of adults, aged 18 and older, residing in State of Florida households.



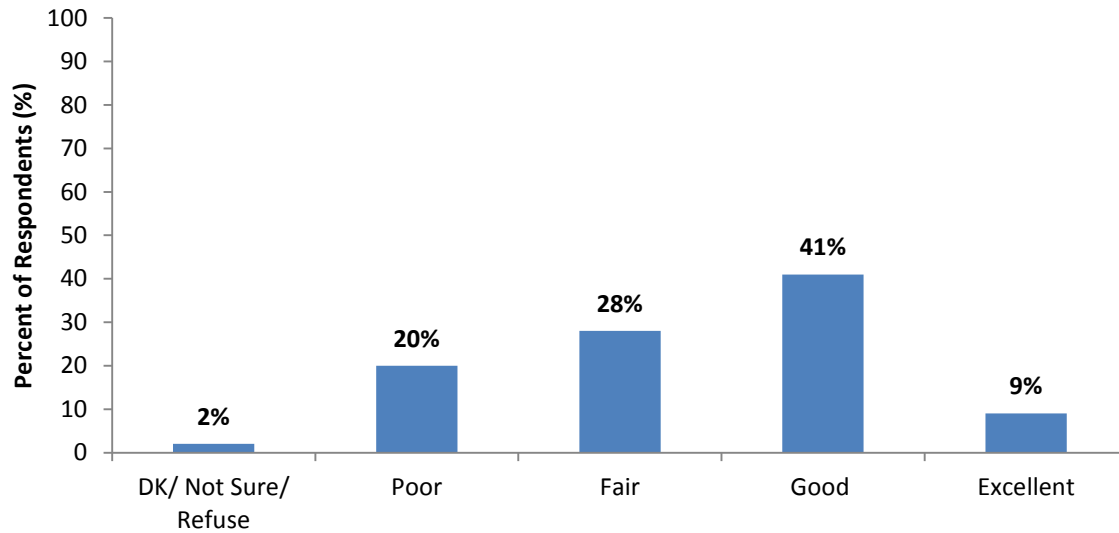
# The Sunshine State Survey

- Annual **issues-based** survey (formerly Leadership Florida-sponsored poll)
- Longitudinal data; trend lines
- Combination of repeat and new questions on social, economic, and political issues
- **Not focused on political “horserace”**
- Sample: Florida adults 18 & over, not just registered voters (1,875 respondents)

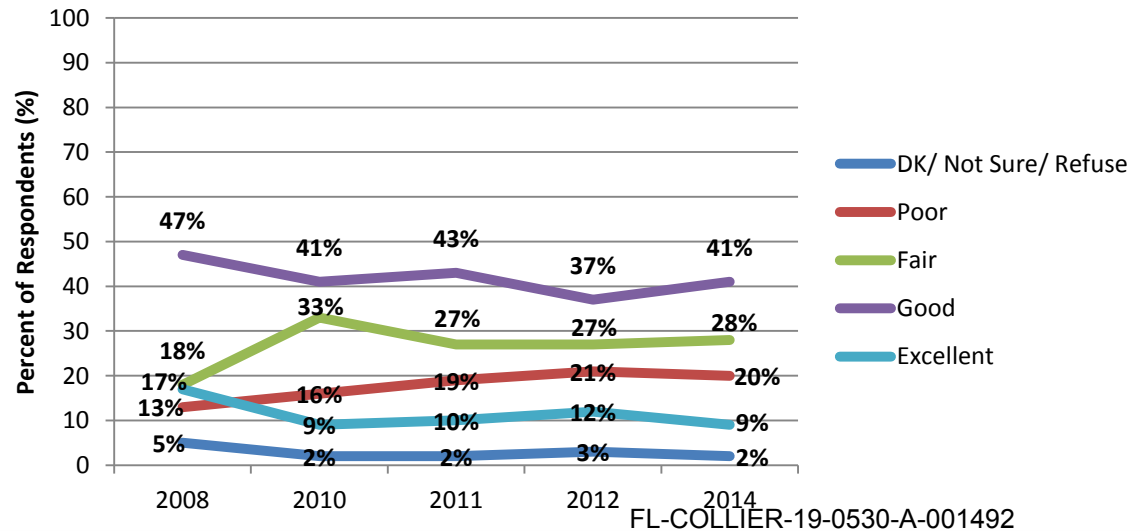




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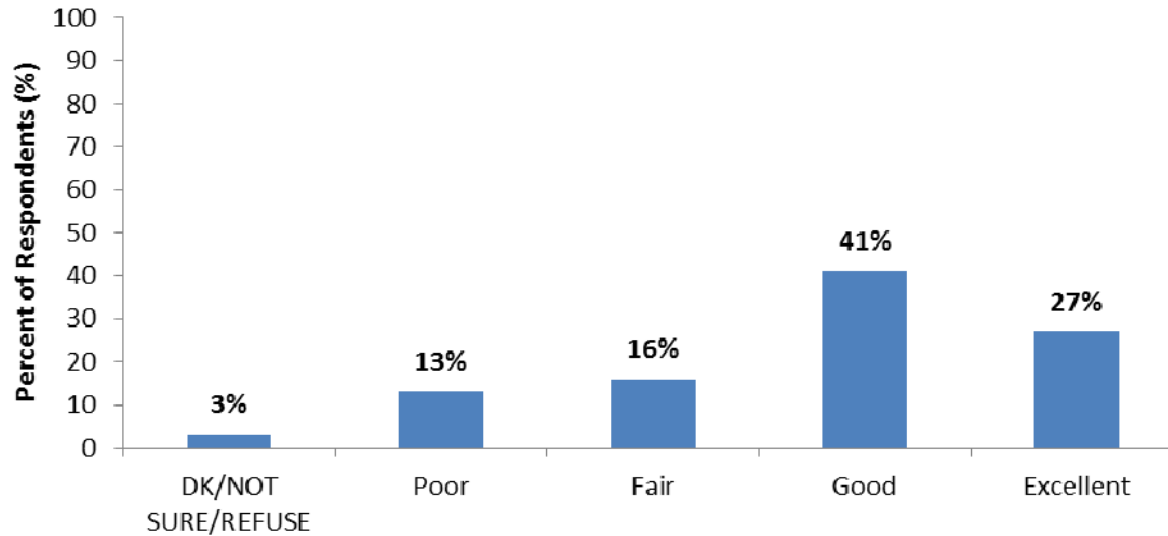


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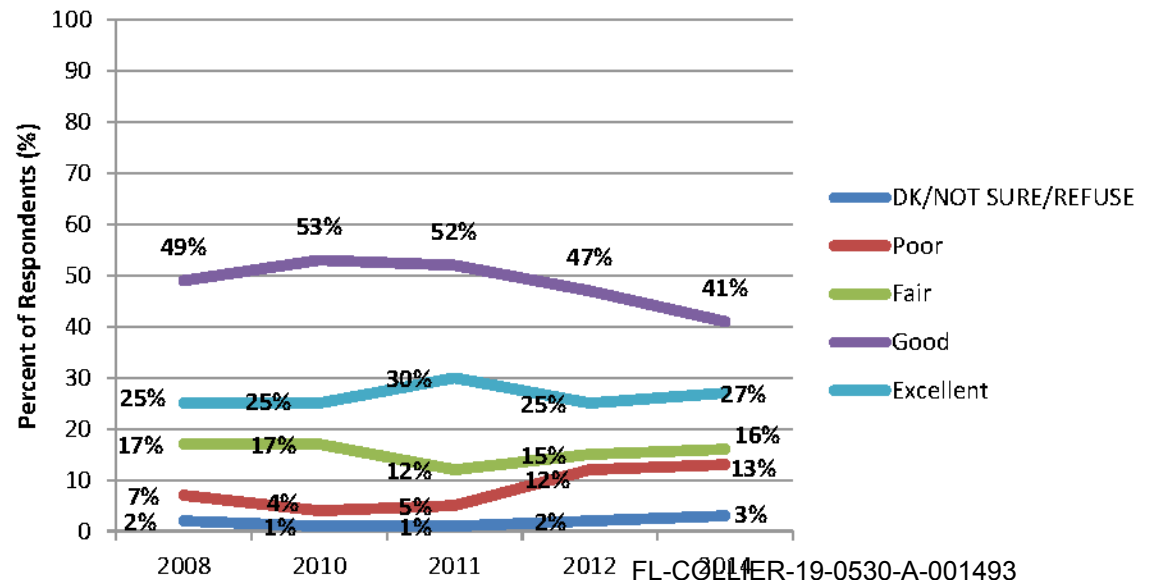




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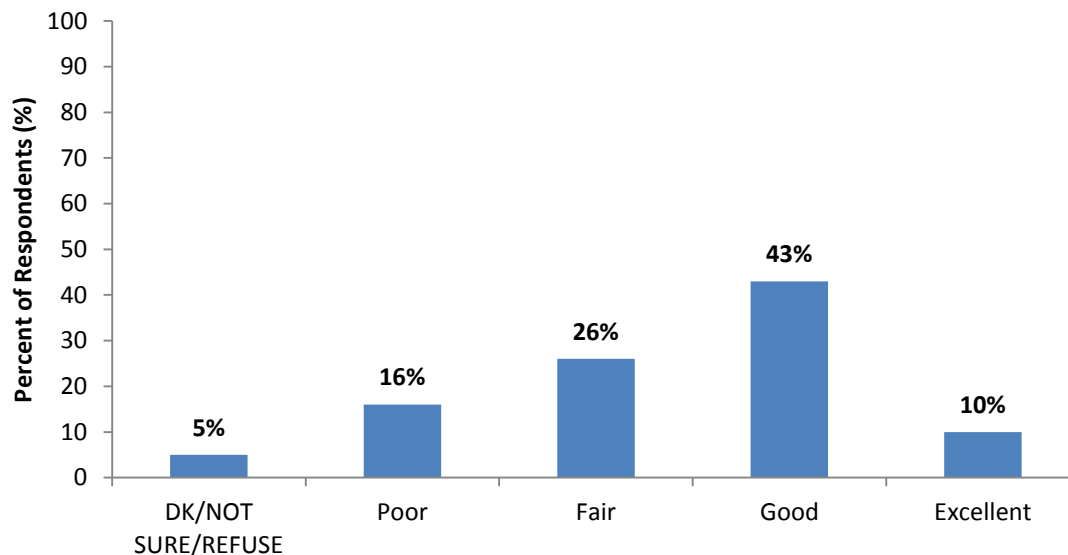


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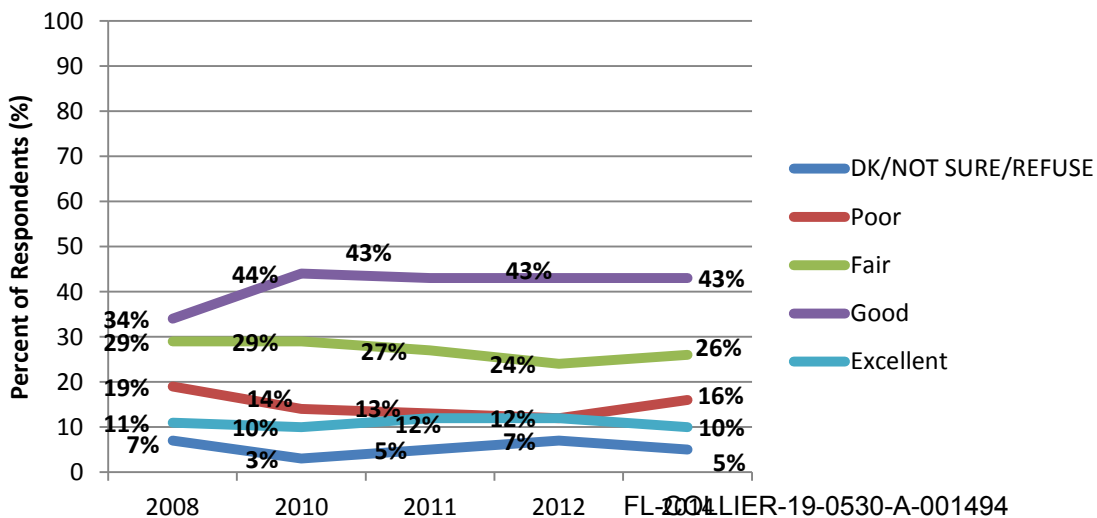




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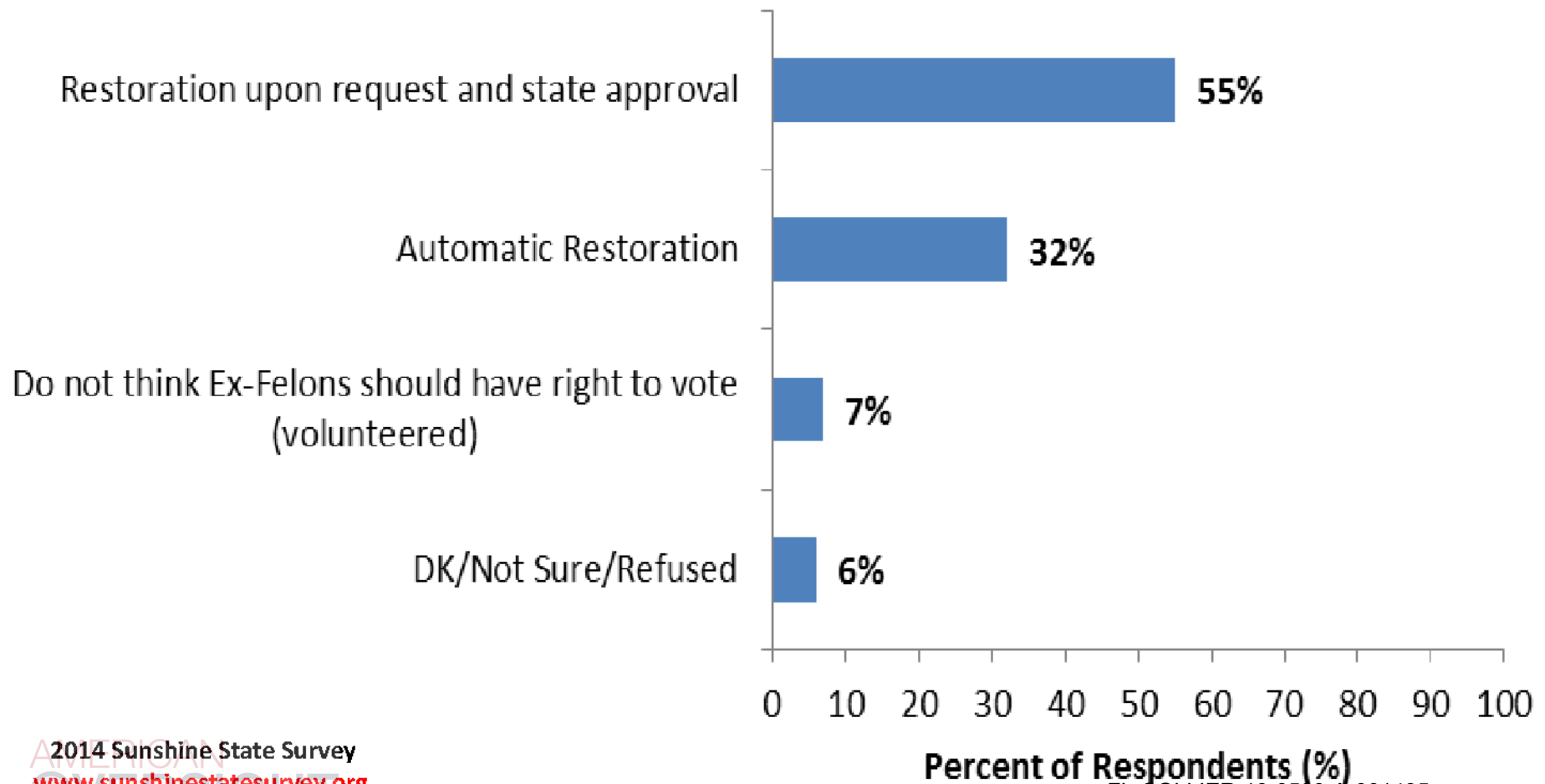


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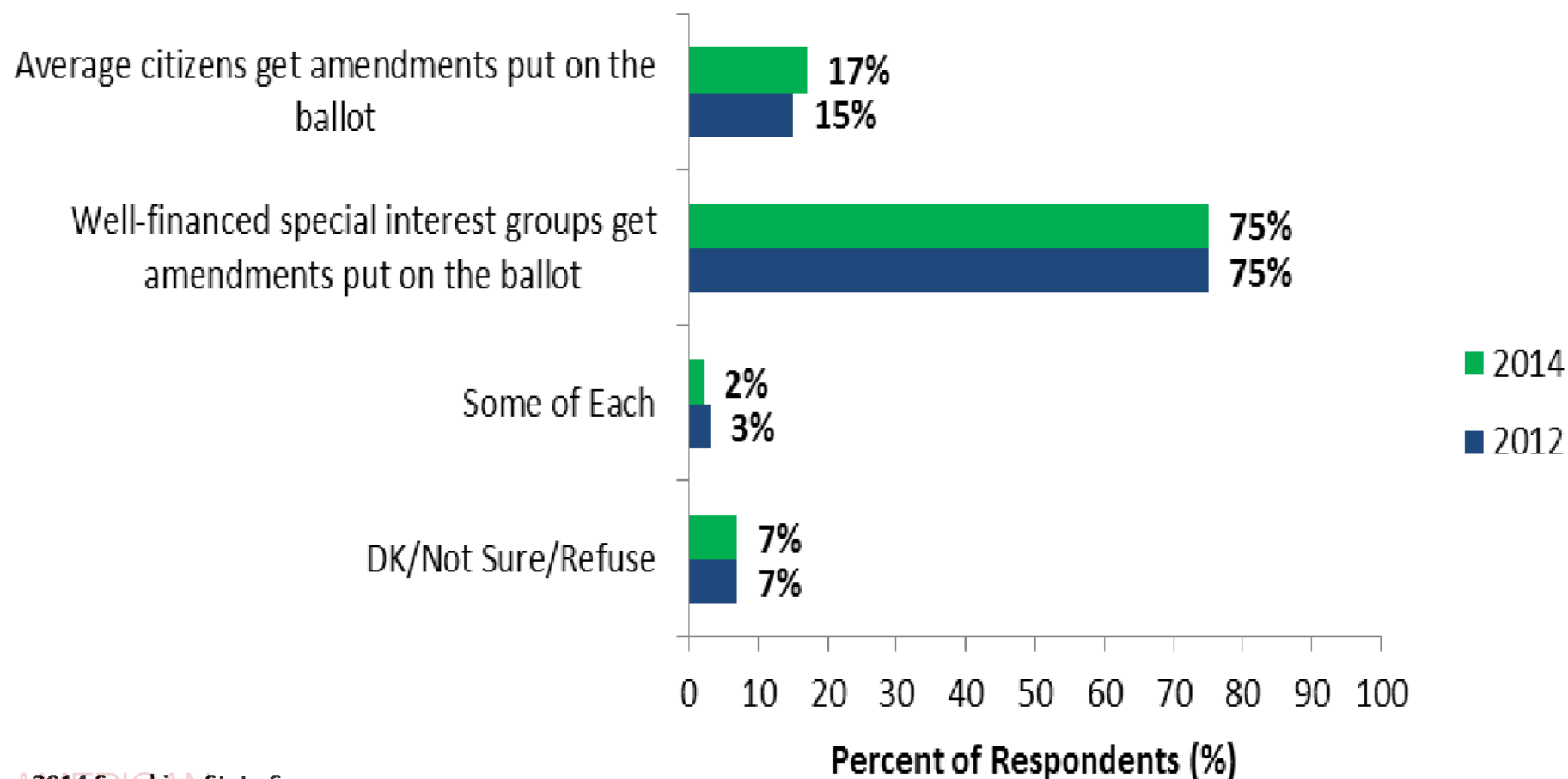


**Some states automatically restore the voting rights of convicted felons once they have completed the terms of their sentencing. Others require the person to request that his/her voting rights be reinstated by the state. What is your preference?**



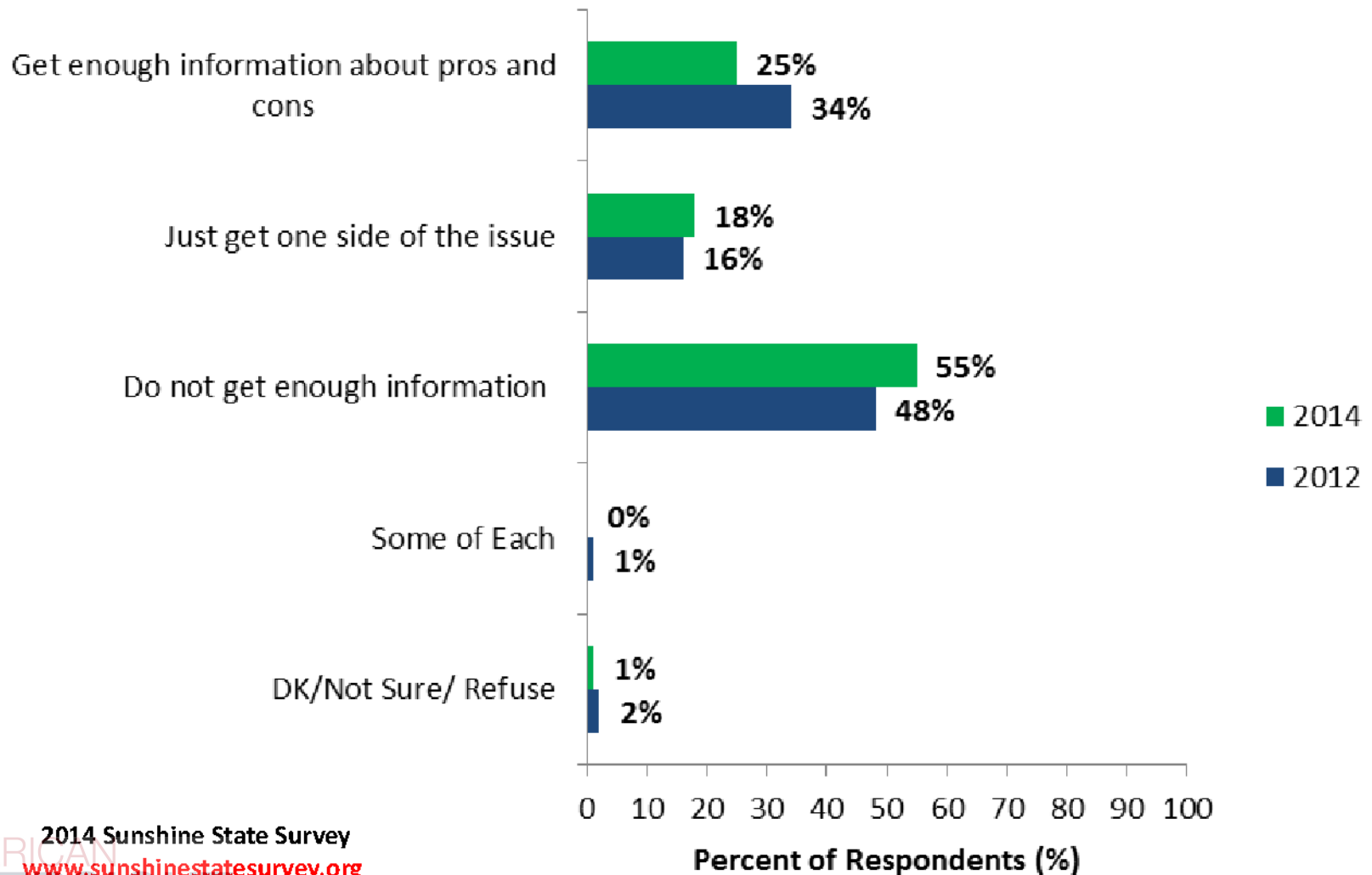


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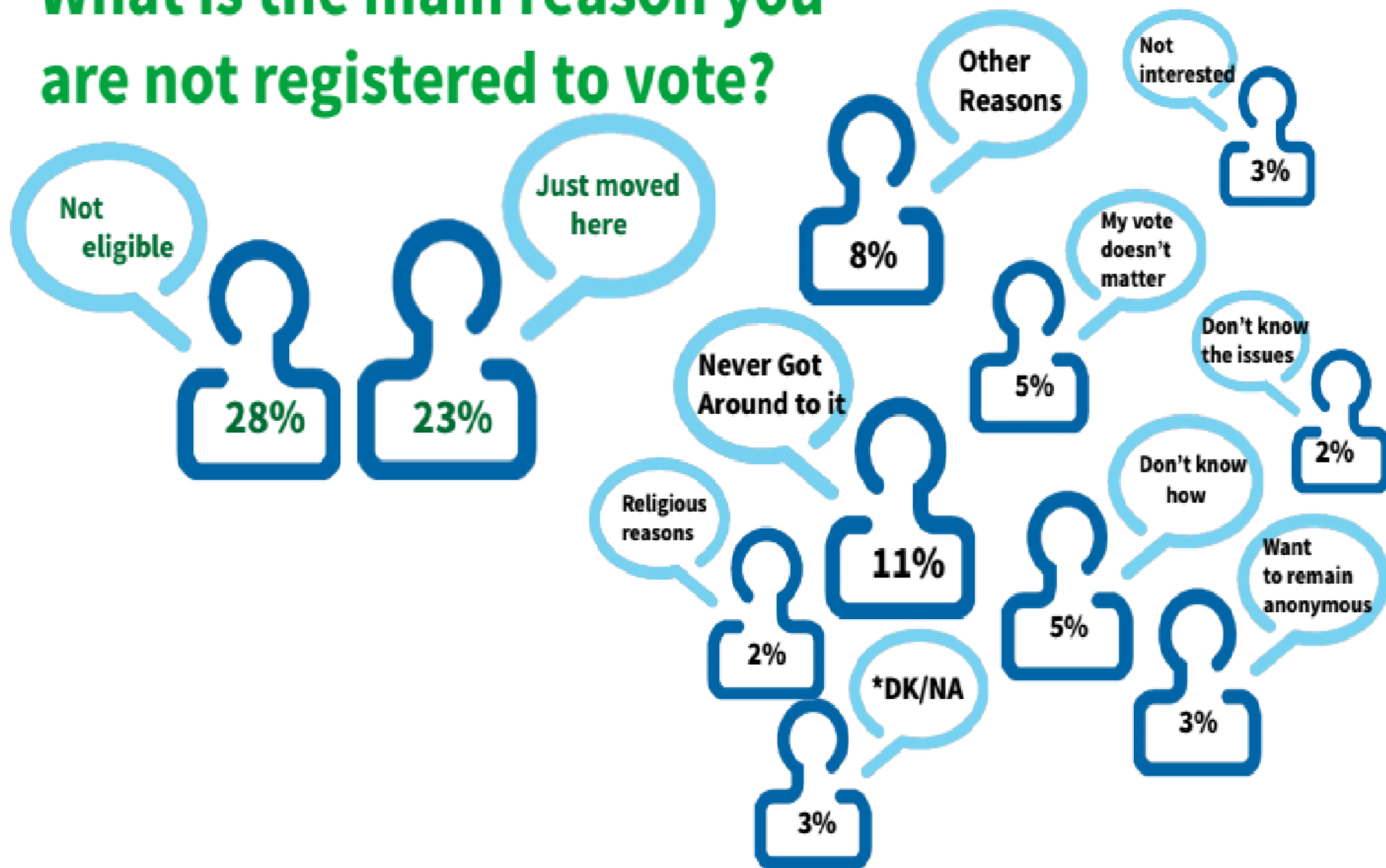


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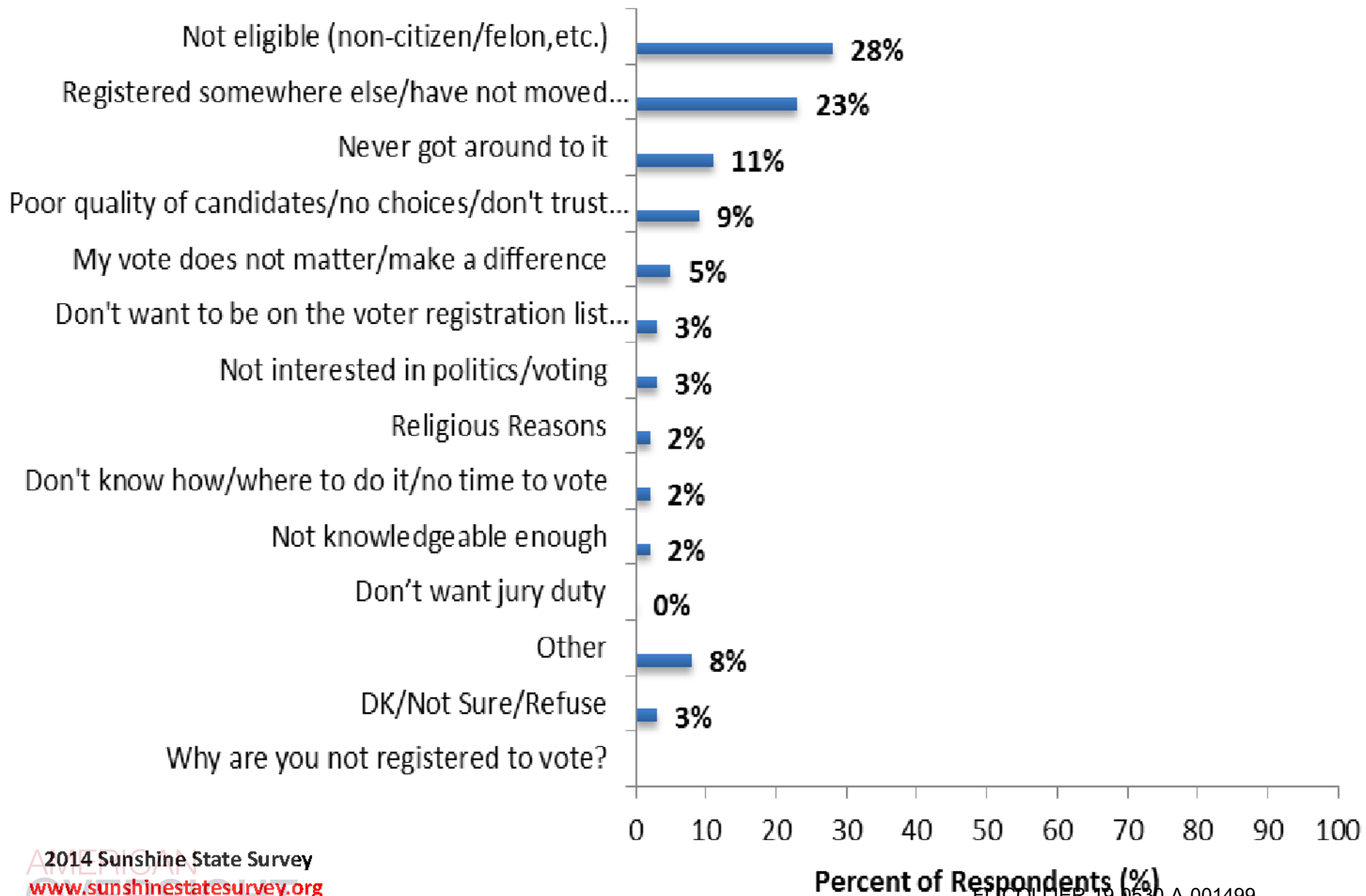


# What is the main reason you are not registered to vote?



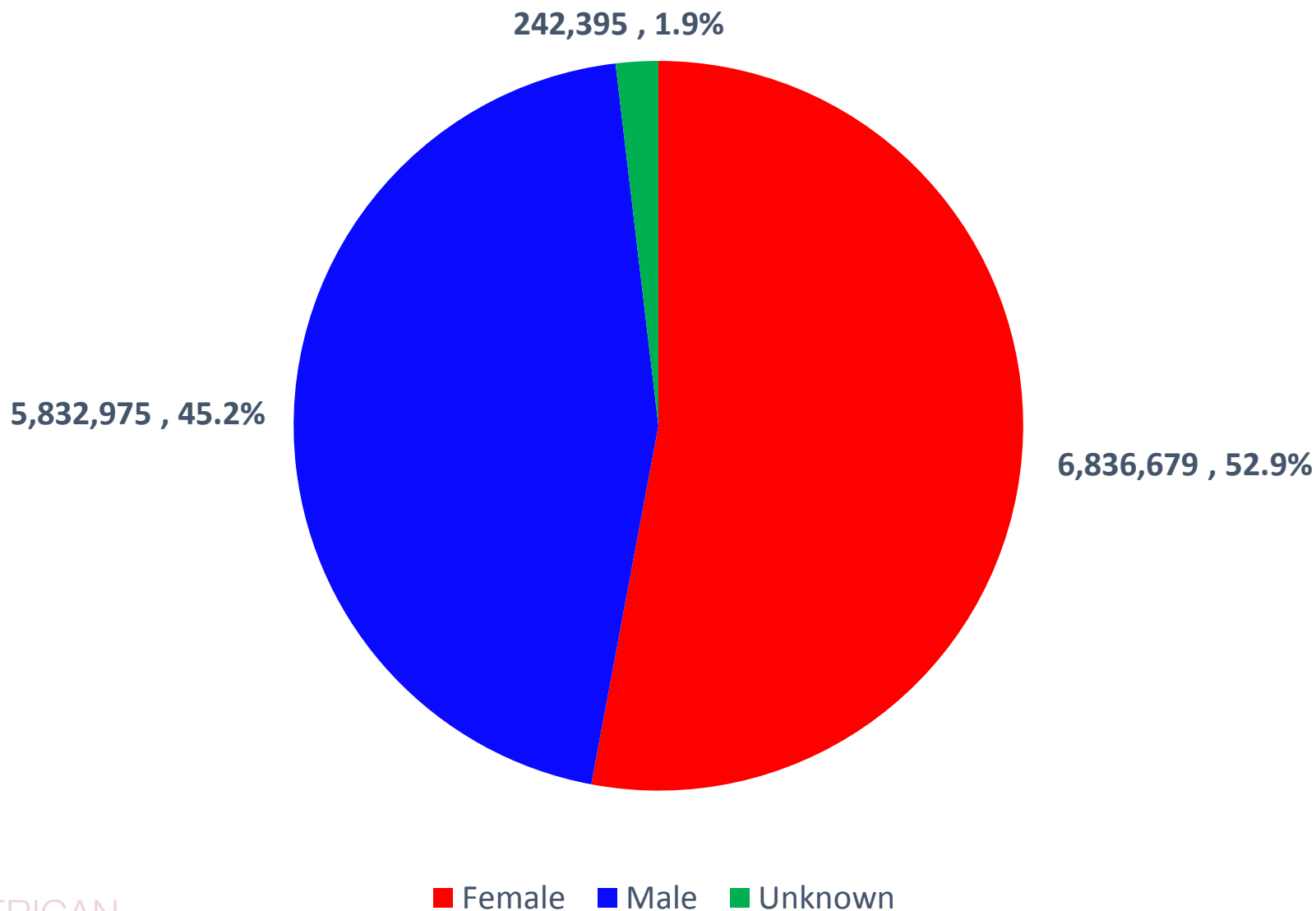


## Why are you not registered to vote?



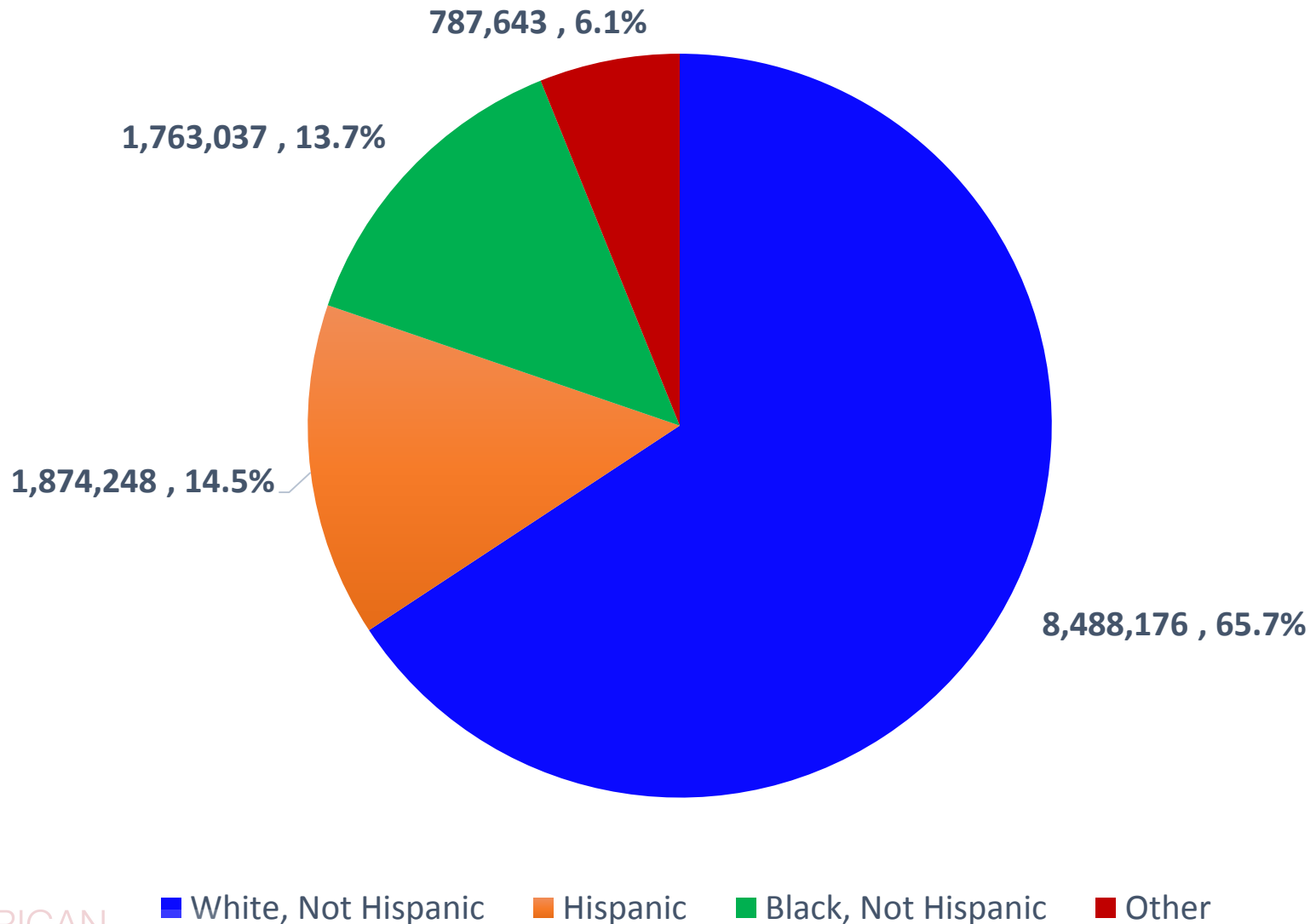


# Florida Voter Registration by Gender



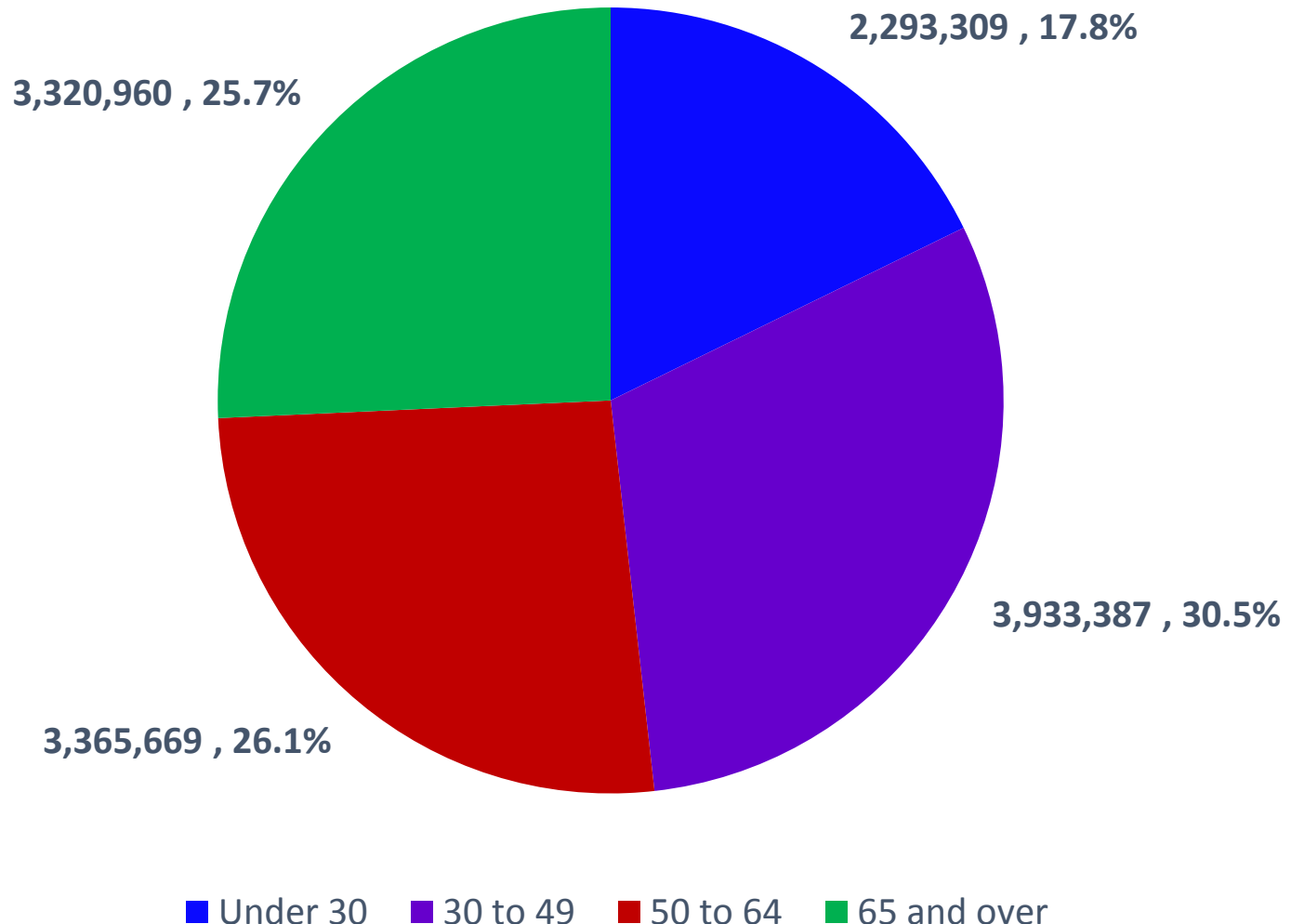


# Florida Voter Registration by Race/Ethnicity





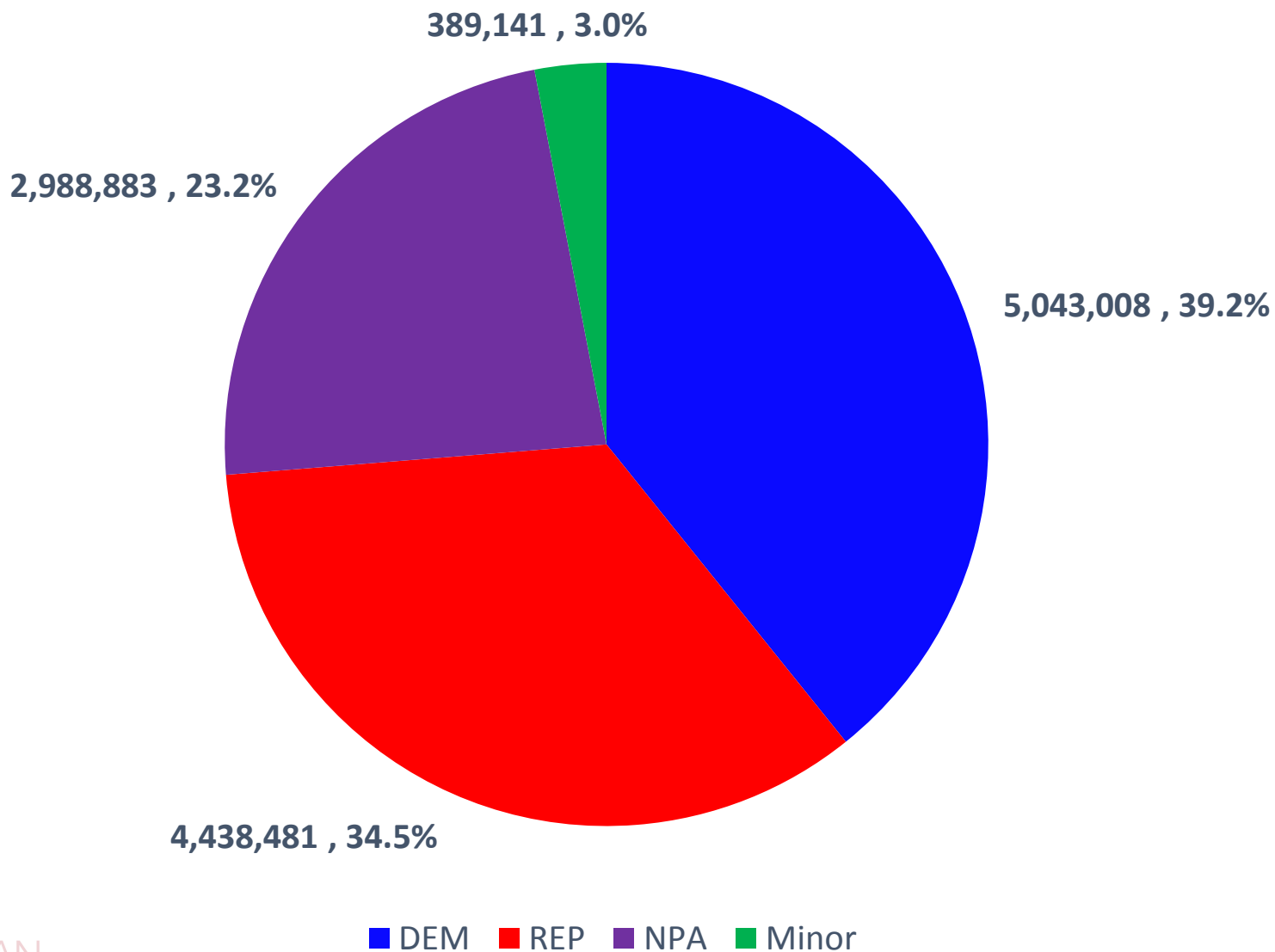
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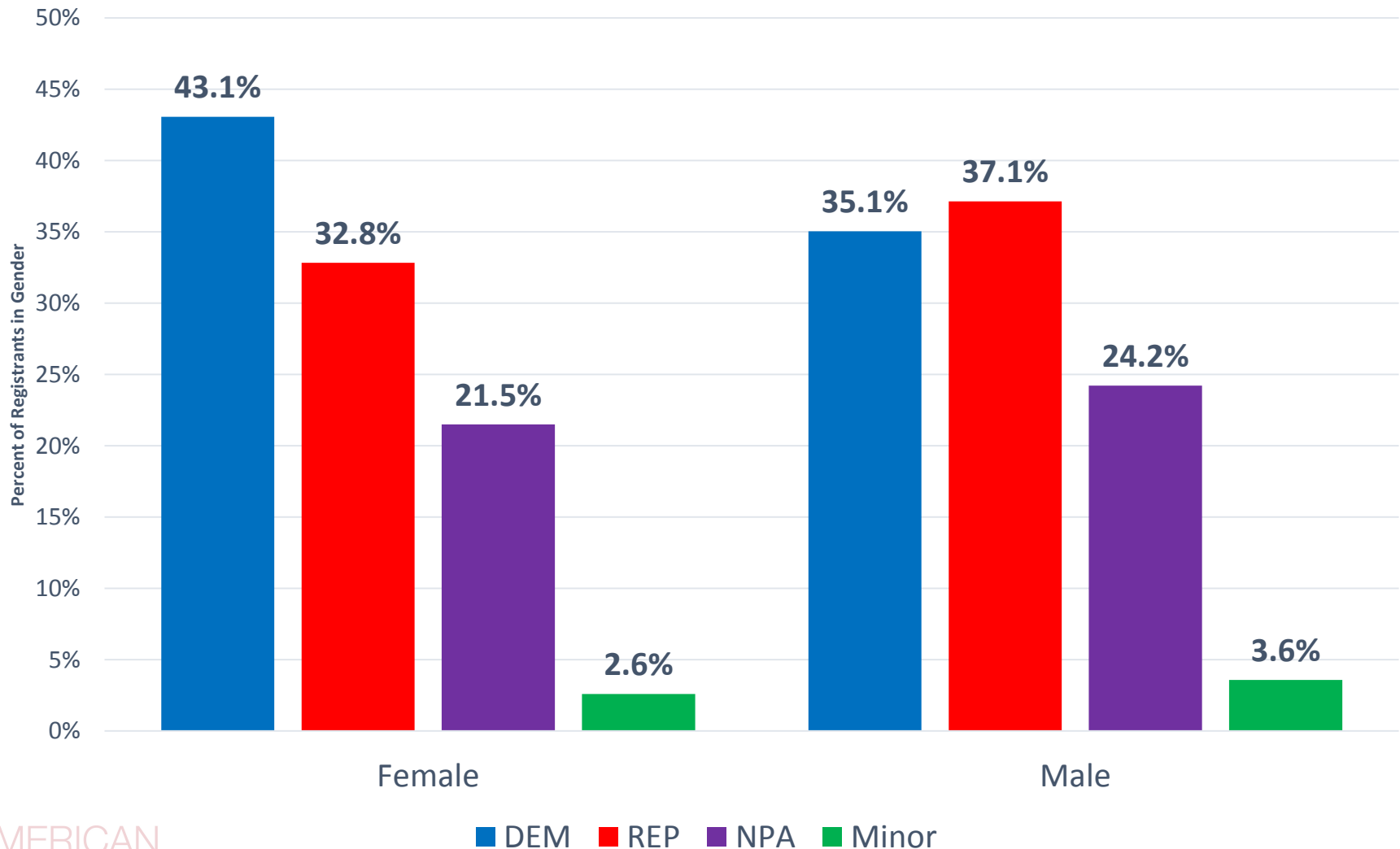


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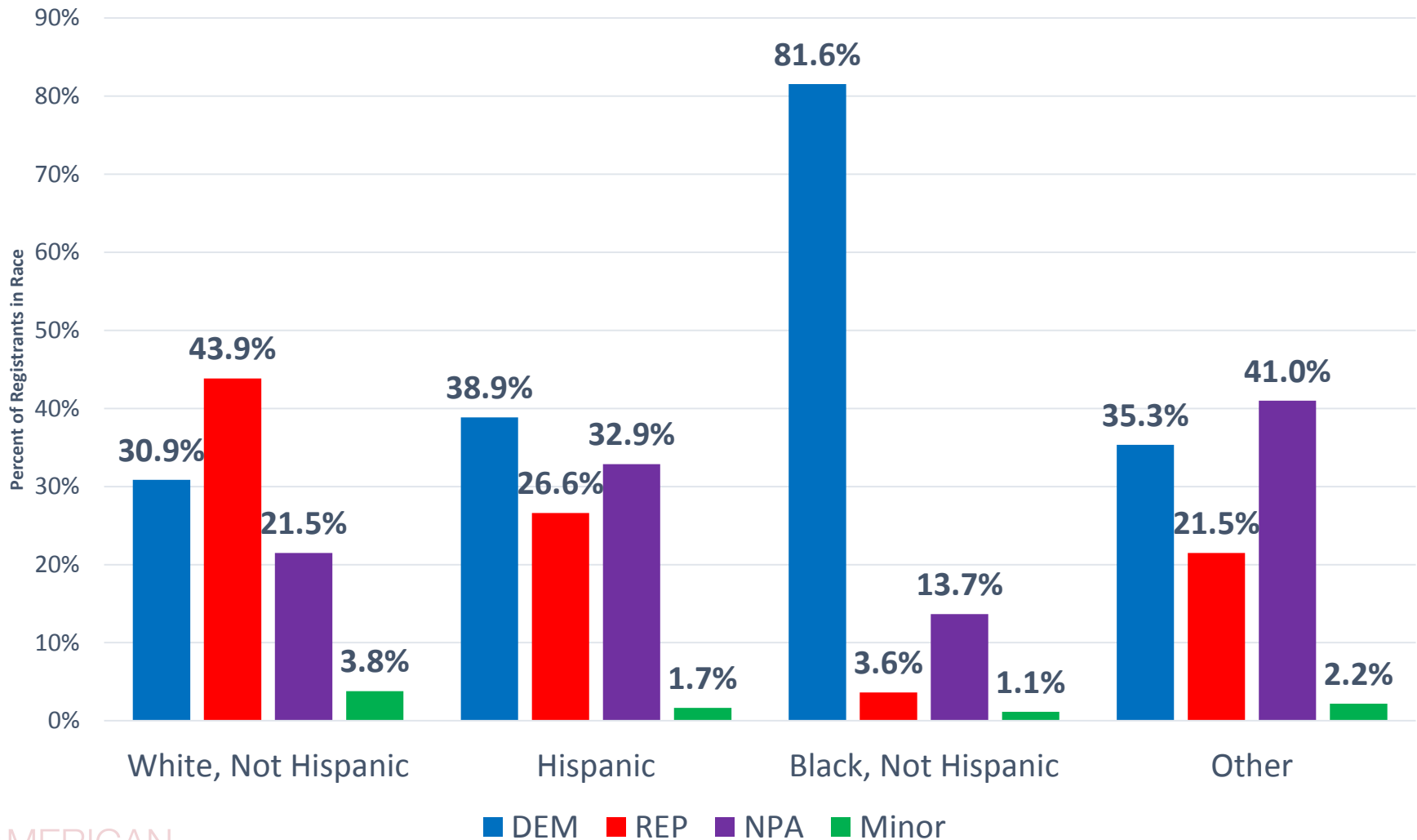


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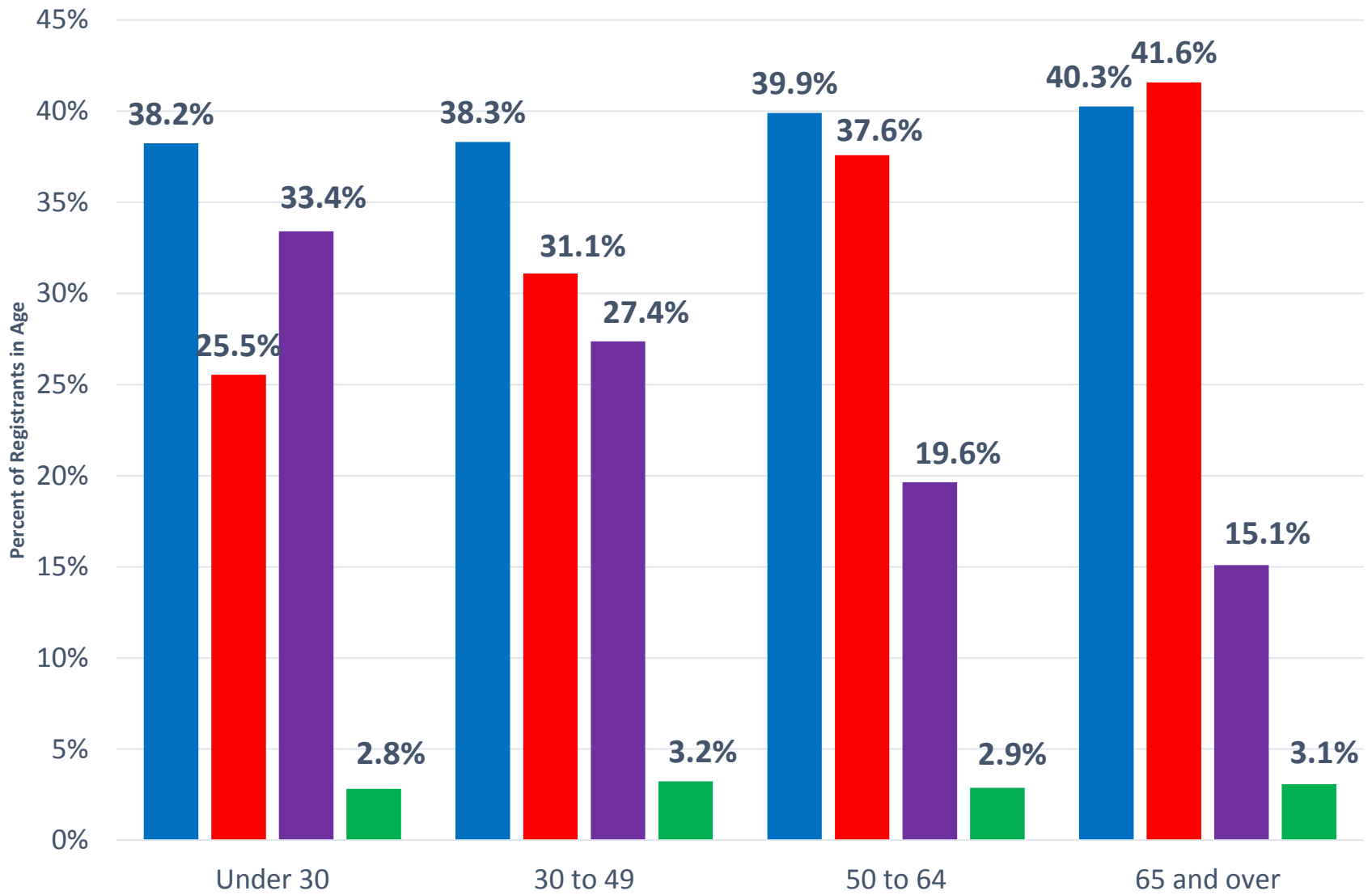


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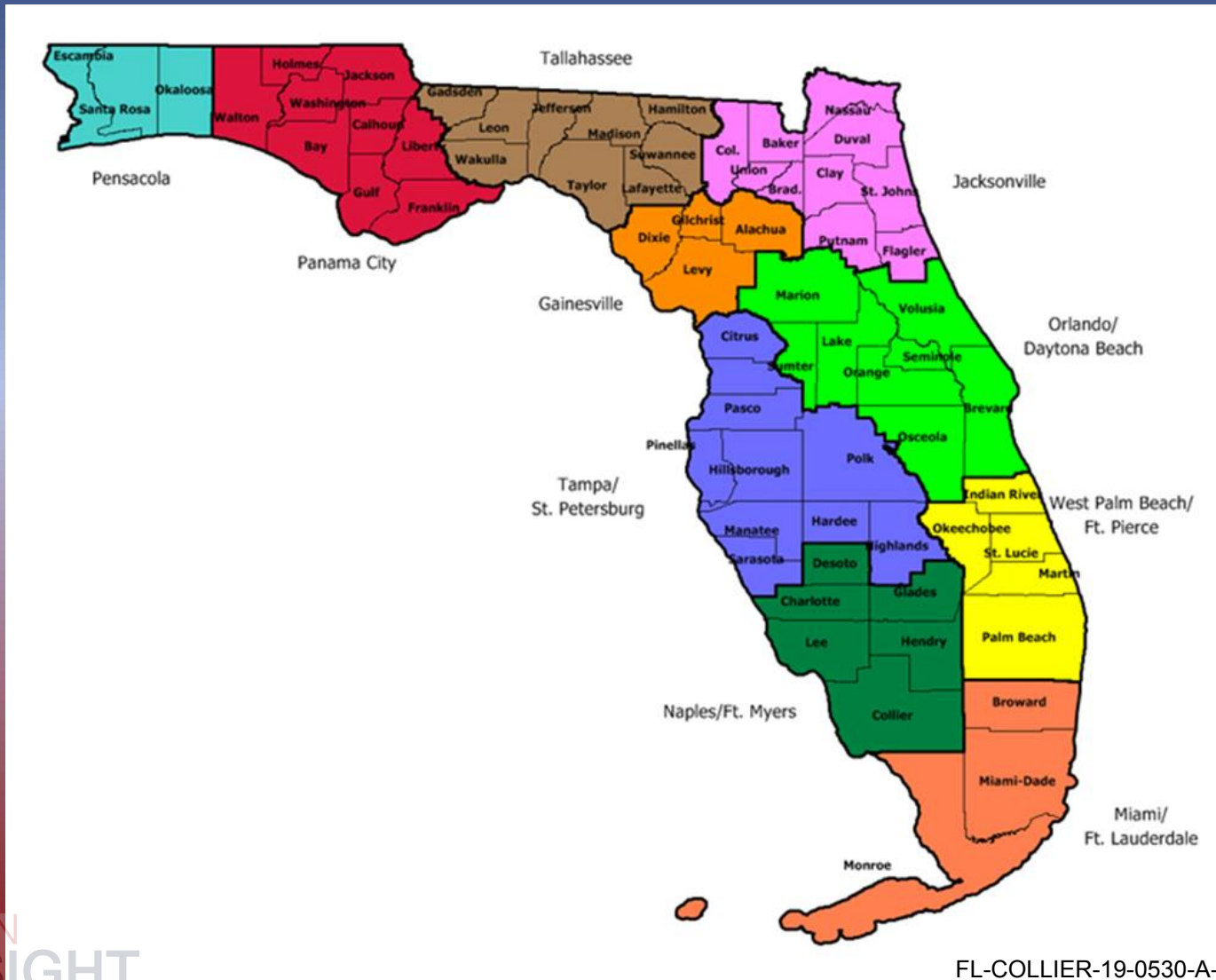


## Florida Voter Registration by Age and Party



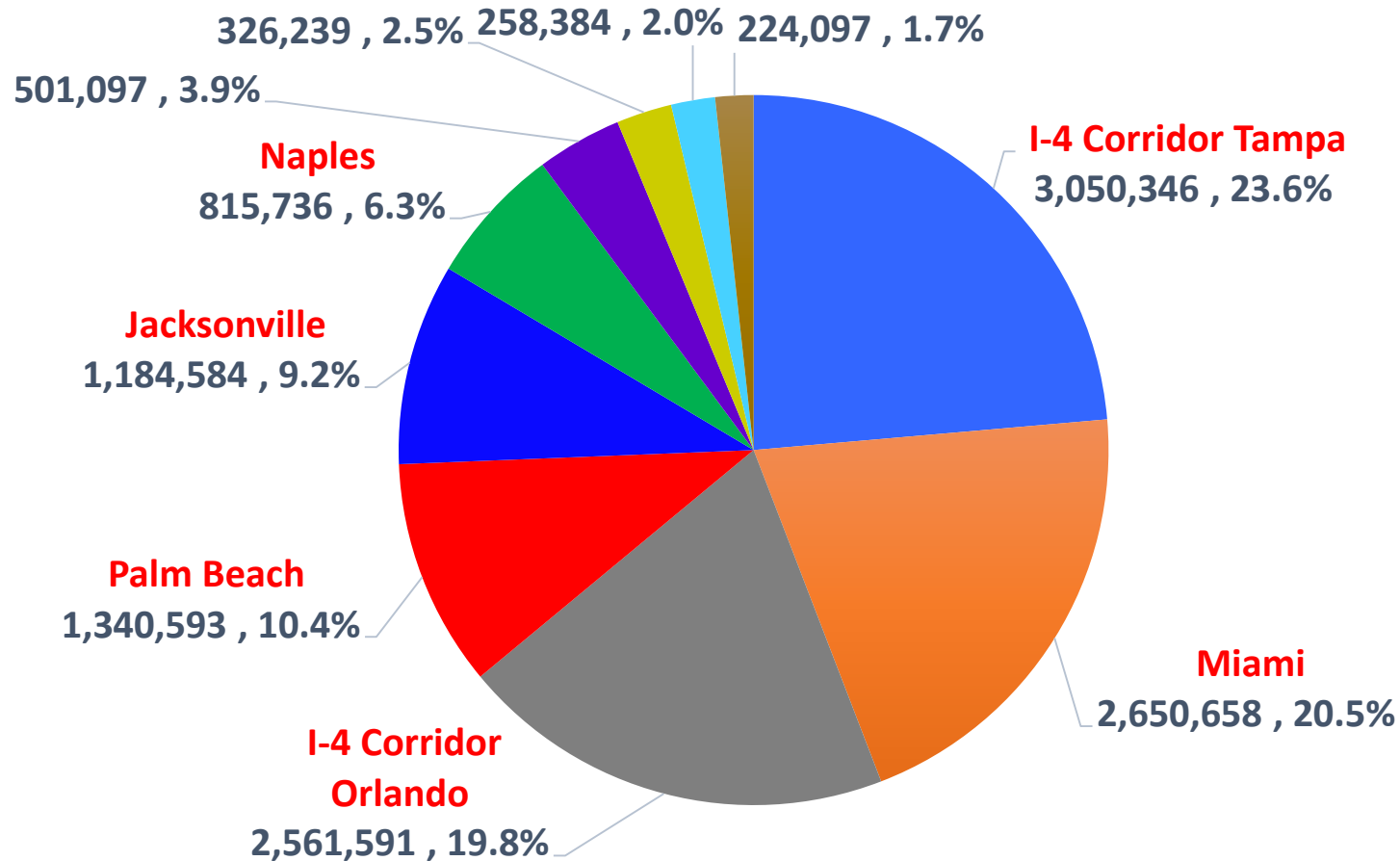


# Media Market Definitions





# Florida Voter Registration by Media Market



- Tampa-St. Petersburg-Sarasota
- Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne
- Jacksonville, Northeast Florida
- Pensacola and the Panhandle
- Panama City

- Miami-Ft. Lauderdale
- Palm Beach-Ft. Pierce
- Naples-Fort Myers
- Tallahassee
- Gainesville, North Central Florida

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# The Campaign





# 2014 Election Cycle

- More money
- Bigger role: outside money
- More negatives
- Less trust in campaign messages & more cynicism
- Fewer competitive Congressional and state legislative races





# Sharpest Drop in Turnout in Mid-Term Elections

- **Young Voters**
- **Minorities (African Americans; Hispanics)**
- **Unmarried Females**





# Get Out the Vote (GOTV): 2014

- **Debates**
- **Constitutional Amendments**
- **Volume and Tone of TV ads**
- **Frequency & Type of Voter Contact**
- **Candidates: Style/ Substance**



# Constitutional Amendments

- **1 Water & Land Conservation**
- **2 Medicinal Marijuana**
- **3 Prospective Appointment of  
Certain Judicial Vacancies**



# Debates: Gov. Race

- **October 10** Telemundo, Miami
- **October 15\*** Broward College  
(Leadership Fla. & Fla. Press Assoc.)
- **October 21** CNN, Jacksonville

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\* Libertarian Candidate, Adrian Wylie to be included in debate if reaches 15% in poll



# 2014 GOVERNOR RACES

Current Governors: 21 Democrats | 29 Republicans

**15** Democrats

Toss Ups  
**14**

Republicans **21**

9 Safe or Not Up

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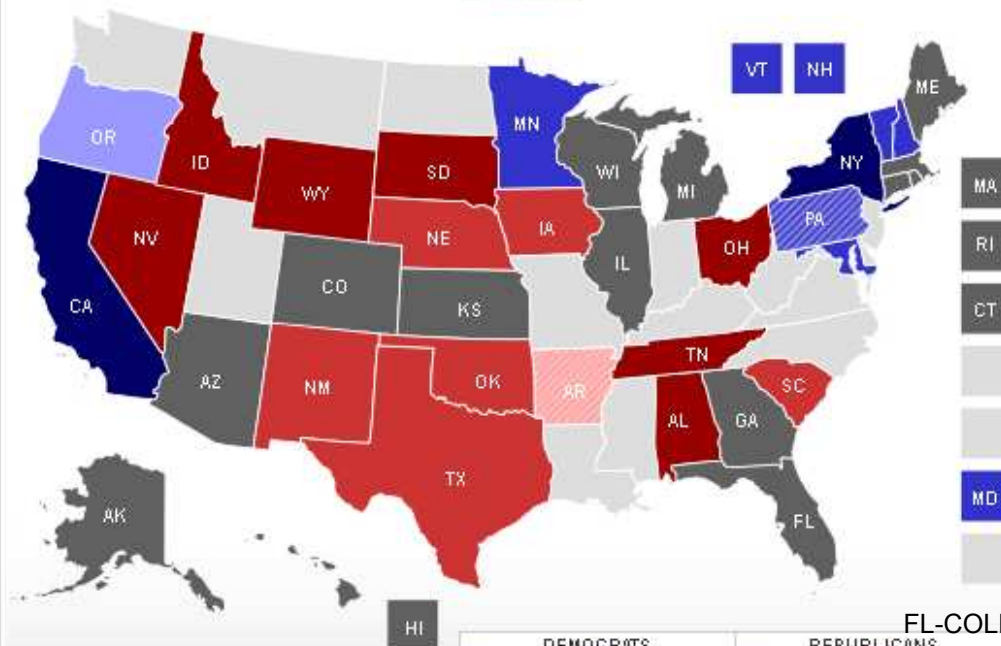
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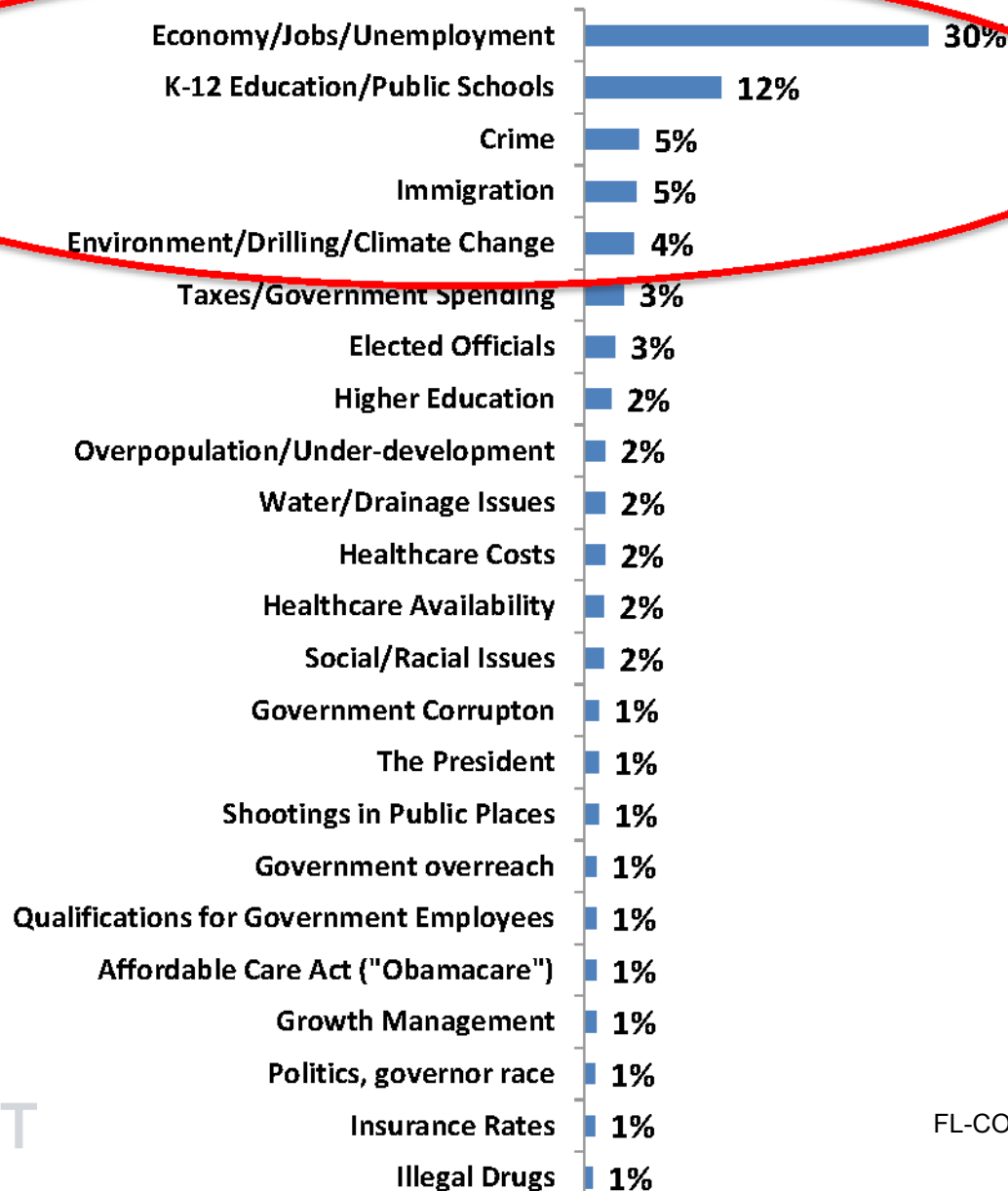
26 State Houses Needed For Majority (Recent Race Changes)

| Likely Dem      | Leans Dem         | Toss Up              | Leans GOP    | Likely GOP       |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| MD: Open (D)    | OR: Kitzhaber (D) | AK: Parnell (R)      | AR: Open (D) | IA: Branstad (R) |
| MN: Dayton (D)  |                   | AZ: Open (R)         |              | NE: Open (R)     |
| NH: Hassan (D)  |                   | CO: Hickenlooper (D) |              | NM: Martinez (R) |
| PA: Corbett (R) |                   | CT: Malloy (D)       |              | OK: Fallin (R)   |
| VT: Shumlin (D) |                   | FL: Scott (R)        |              | SC: Haley (R)    |
| Safe Dem Seats  |                   | GA: Deal (R)         |              | TX: Open (R)     |
|                 |                   | HI: Open (D)         |              | Safe GOP Seats   |
|                 |                   | IL: Quinn (D)        |              |                  |
|                 |                   | KS: Brownback (R)    |              |                  |
|                 |                   | ME: LePage (R)       |              |                  |
|                 |                   | MA: Open (D)         |              |                  |
|                 |                   | MI: Snyder (R)       |              |                  |
|                 |                   | RI: Open (D)         |              |                  |
|                 |                   | WI: Walker (R)       |              |                  |





# In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing the State of Florida today?

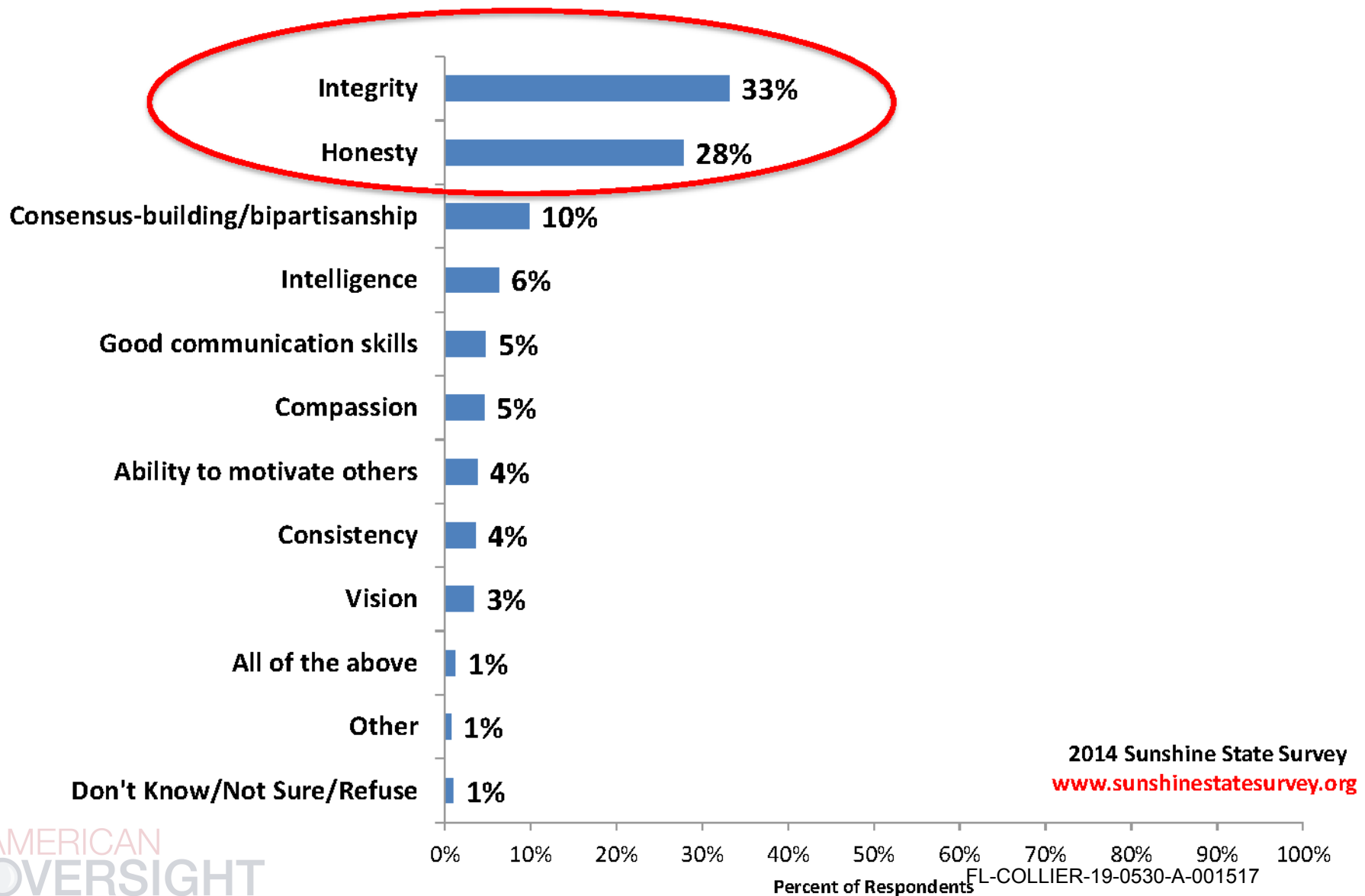


2014 Sunshine State Survey  
[www.sunshinestatesurvey.org](http://www.sunshinestatesurvey.org)

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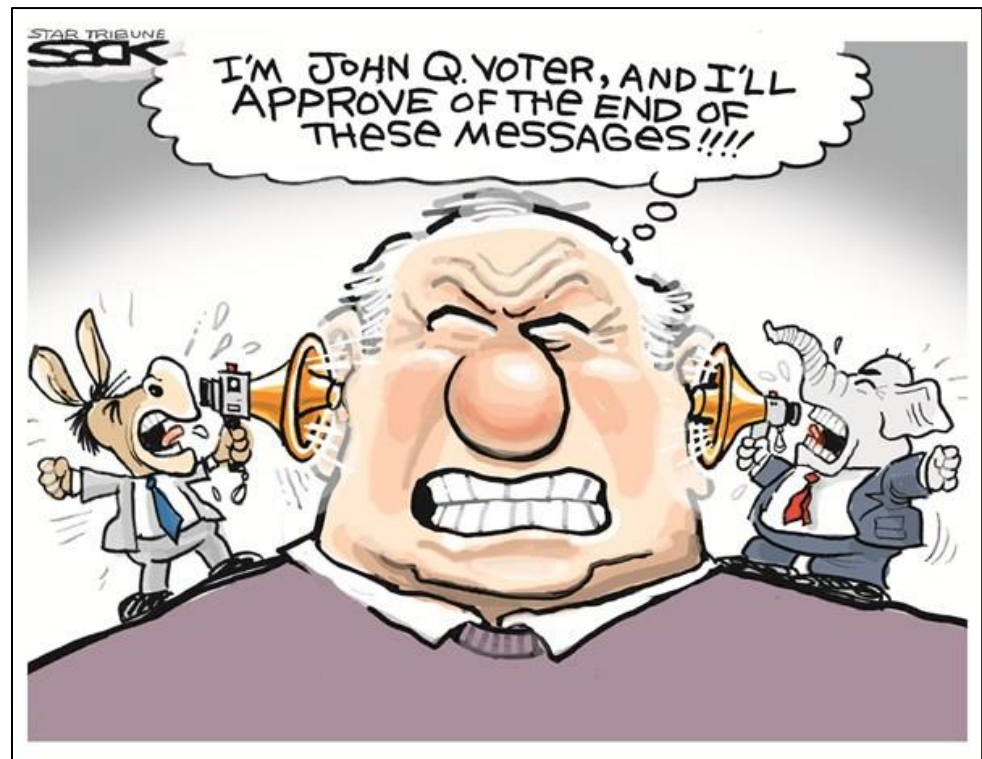
# Which one of the following qualities do you feel is most important for a good leader to have?





# Analyzing Campaign Ads

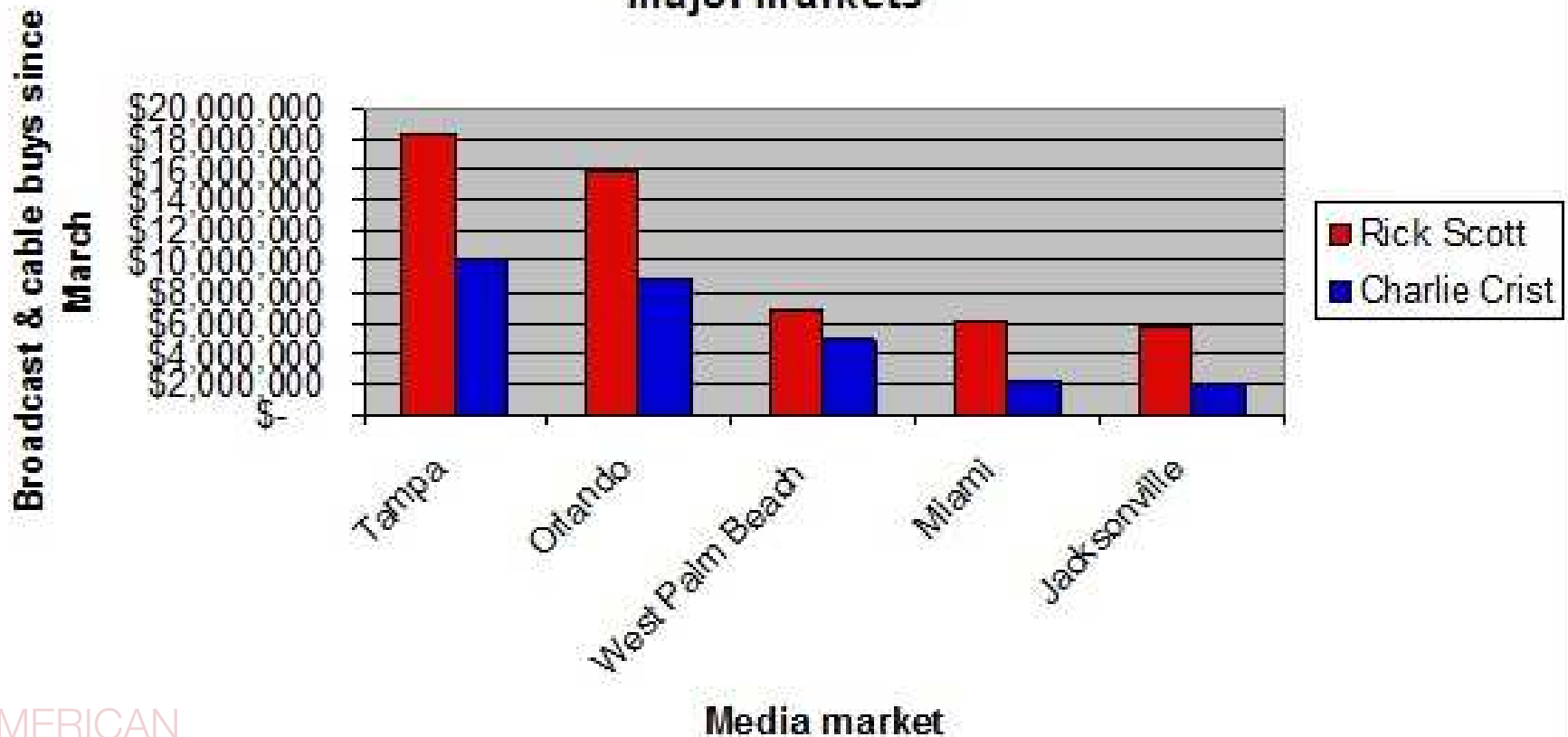
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- Type of Ad
- Persons Featured
- Props Used
- Setting Selected
- Visuals
- Audio
- Target Audience
- Effectiveness





# TV Ad Money: Most Spent in Tampa Media Market

FL Gov race ad spending 2014,  
major markets





# Tag Lines



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
**SLICK POLITICIAN,**  
**LOUSY GOVERNOR.**

Paid electioneering communication paid for by the Republican Party of Florida, 420 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL, 32301

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT 0:29 / 0:30

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# Tag Lines



**RICK SCOTT**  
TOO SHADY FOR THE  
**SUNSHINE STATE**

#SHADYRICK



POL. POLL ADV. PAID FOR BY THE FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, 214 S. BRIDGEMAN STREET,  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301. THE FDP ENDORSES CHARLIE CRIST FOR GOVERNOR,  
GEORGE SHELDON FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND WILLIAM RANKIN FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL  
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# Frustrated Citizens

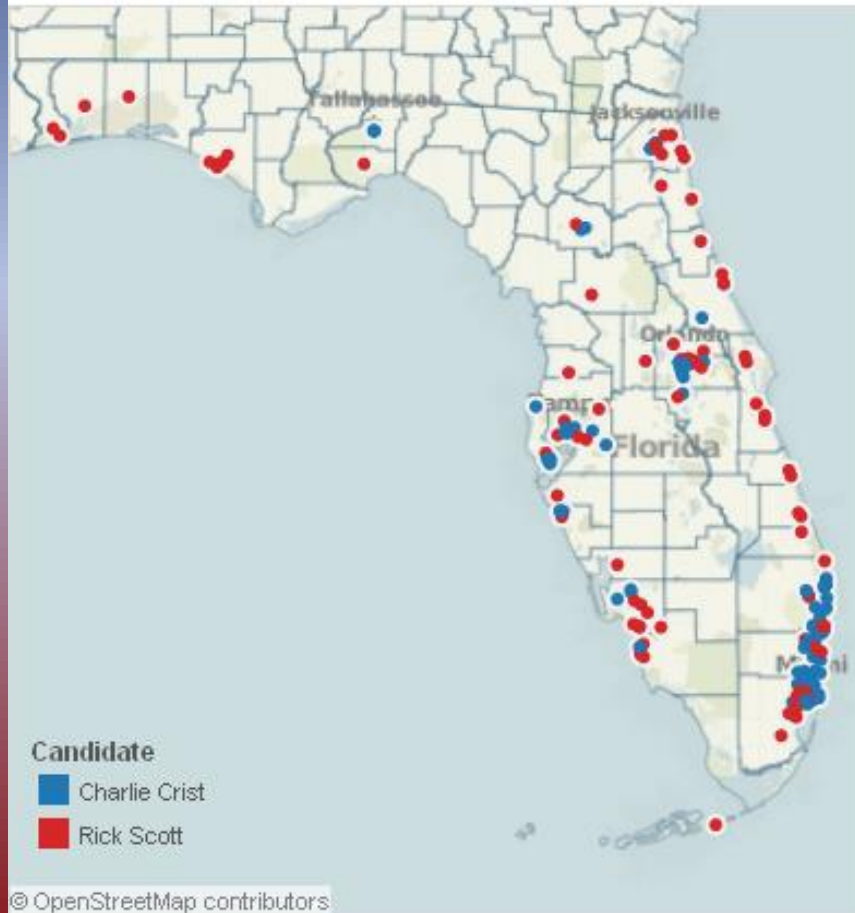
**“Watching the current ads for the governor’s race is getting very upsetting. We hear back-to-back ads saying opposite things. Is there a place to check which is true (or more true)? I hate all the mud-slinging and can’t wait for the election to be over.”**



# Campaign Trail



Where have Rick Scott & Charlie Crist spent their time on the campaign trail?



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Source: The News Service of Florida; the public campaign schedules of Gov. Rick Scott and Charlie Crist

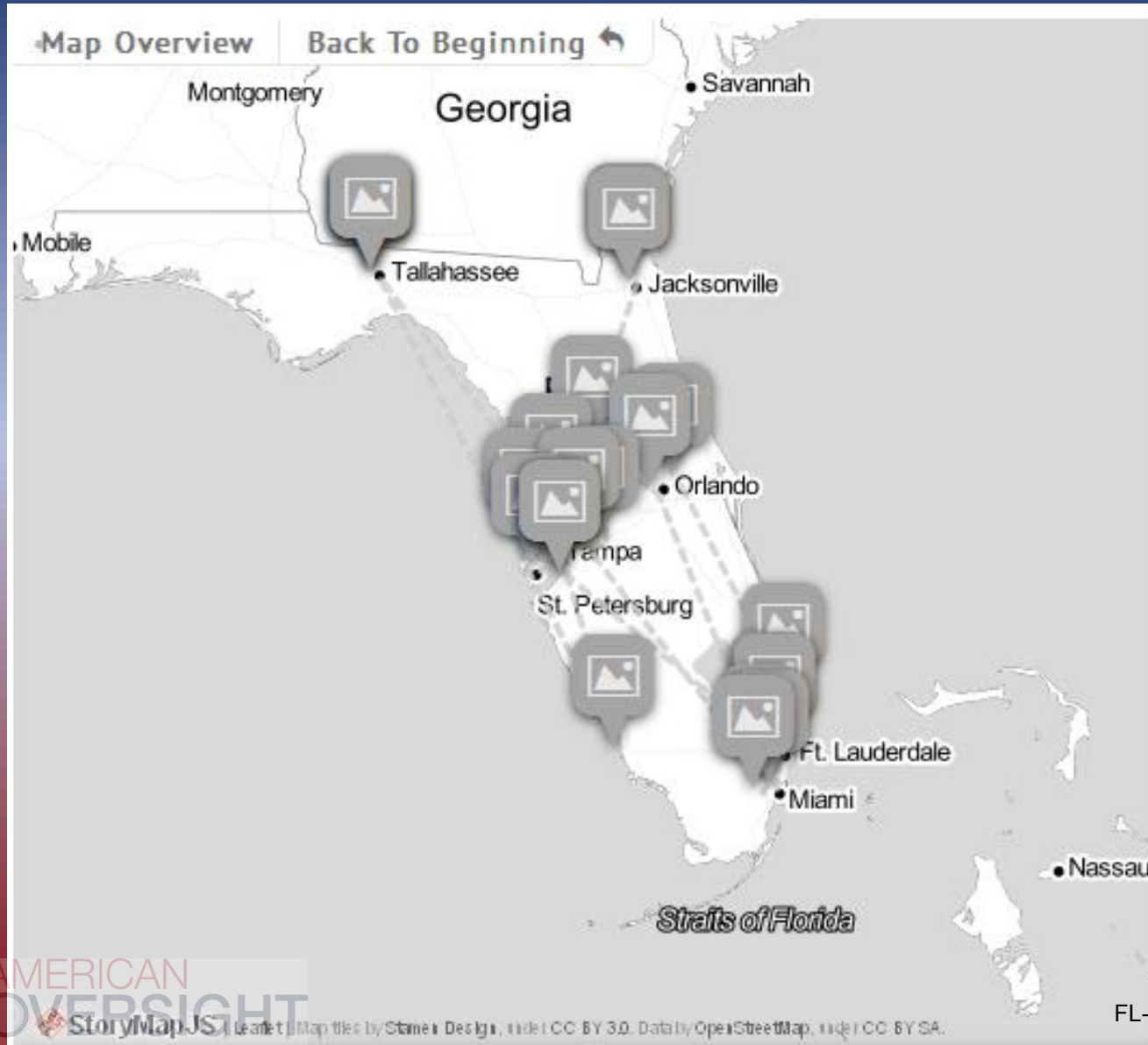
Updated as of Friday, Oct. 31

Naples Daily News  
(as of October  
31, 2014)

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# Campaign Trail: Last Weekend



Miami Herald  
(October 31-  
November 2)



# Polls as Predictors: 0.6% Diff.

HUFFPOST  POLLSTER

FIND A CHART

Try 'New York,' 'Obama' or 'health care'

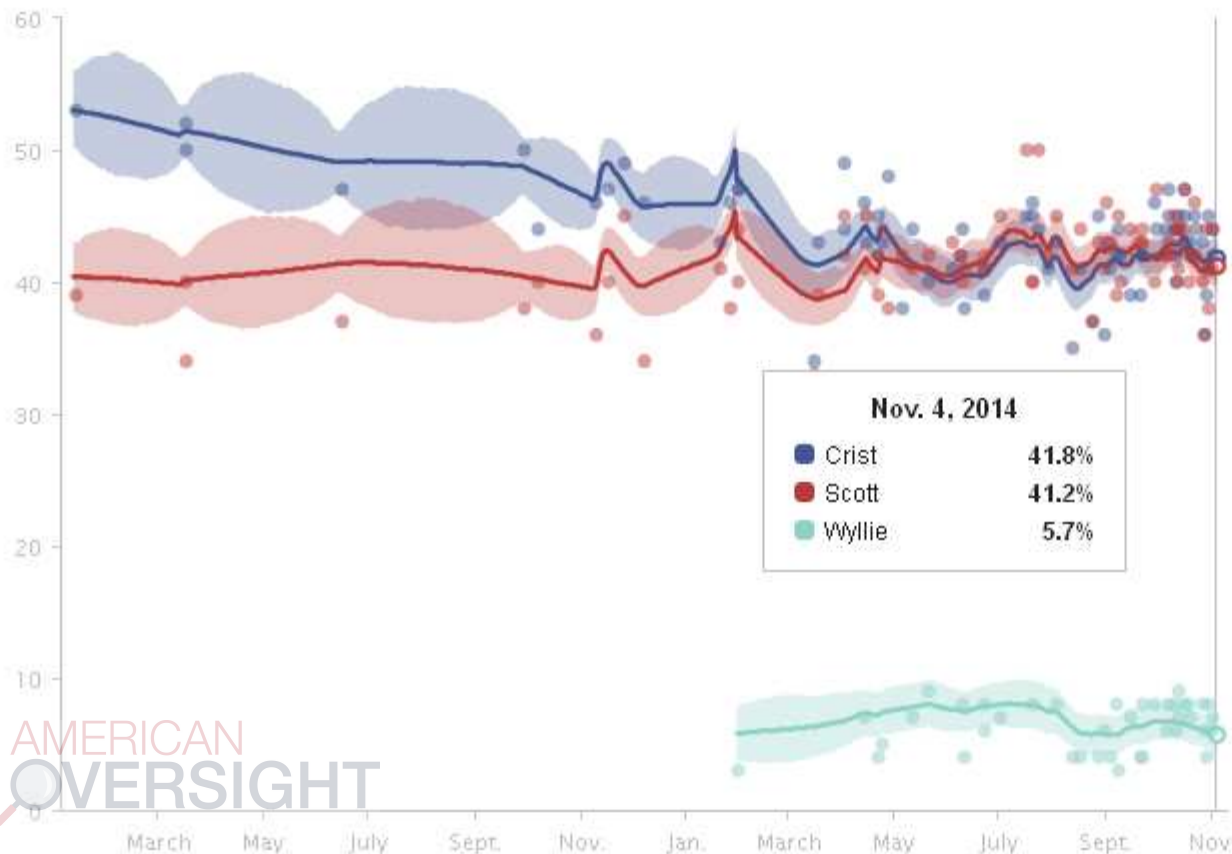


Currently tracking 77 polls from 25 pollsters Updated about 11 hours ago Election on November 4, 2014

HuffPost Model

Create Your Own

This chart combines the latest opinion polls using a poll-tracking model and is updated whenever a new poll is released.



## HuffPost Model Estimate

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Charlie Crist | 41.8% |
| Rick Scott    | 41.2% |
| Adrian Wyllie | 5.7%  |
| Undecided     |       |

**CONFIDENCE OF WIN** The probability that Crist will beat Scott is 51%.

● INDIVIDUAL POLL RESULT



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AMERICAN  
OVERSIGHT



# Turnout in Primary

## Highest in rural counties

Liberty 50%, Lafayette 45%, Baker 42%,  
Dixie 37%, Union 36%

## Much lower in big urban counties

Broward 11%, Palm Beach 13%,  
Osceola 13%, Miami-Dade 14%,  
Orange 16%, Duval 17%, Hillsborough 17%



# Turnout in General

## Highest in rural counties

Union 72%, Jefferson 67%, Sumter 67%,  
Wakulla 62%, Baker 62%

## Much lower in big urban counties

Miami-Dade 41%, Osceola 41%, Orange 43%,  
Broward 43%, Santa Rosa 43%



# Vote Patterns

| CNN Exit Polls: 2014 GOV Election |                  |       |       |       |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
|                                   |                  | Total | Crist | Scott | Other / NA |
|                                   |                  | (%)   | (%)   | (%)   | (%)        |
| Gender                            | Men              | 49    | 46    | 49    | 5          |
|                                   | Women            | 51    | 49    | 47    | 4          |
| Race                              | White            | 69    | 37    | 58    | 5          |
|                                   | African-American | 14    | 85    | 12    | 3          |
|                                   | Latino           | 13    | 58    | 38    | 4          |
|                                   | Asian            | 2     | N/A   | N/A   | N/A        |
|                                   | Other            | 2     | N/A   | N/A   | N/A        |
| Age                               | 18-29            | 14    | 51    | 41    | 8          |
|                                   | 30-44            | 19    | 48    | 47    | 5          |
|                                   | 45-64            | 42    | 49    | 46    | 5          |
|                                   | 65 and older     | 25    | 40    | 56    | 4          |
| Party ID                          | Democrats        | 31    | 91    | 6     | 3          |
|                                   | Republicans      | 35    | 10    | 88    | 2          |
|                                   | Independents     | 33    | 46    | 44    | 10         |



# Urban-Suburban-Rural Split

## Vote by Size of Place

| TOTAL         | CRIST | SCOTT | OTHER /<br>NA |
|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Urban: 47%    | 52%   | 43%   | 5%            |
| Suburban: 45% | 44%   | 52%   | 4%            |
| Rural: 8%     | 36%   | 57%   | 7%            |

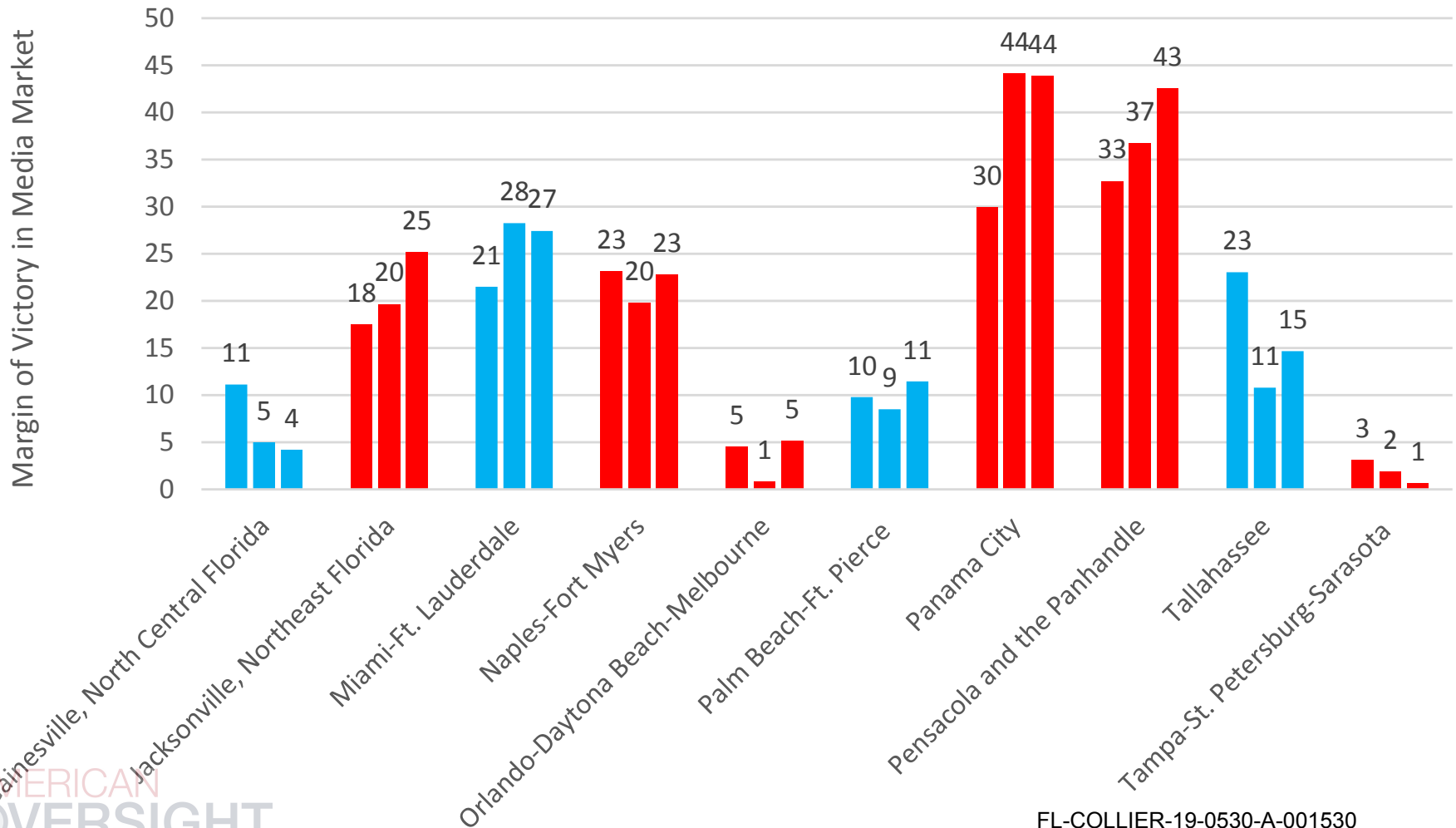


# Margin of Victory

## 2010 GOV, 2012 PRES, 2014 GOV

### Media Markets

(Blue) DEM Victory  
(Red) REP Victory



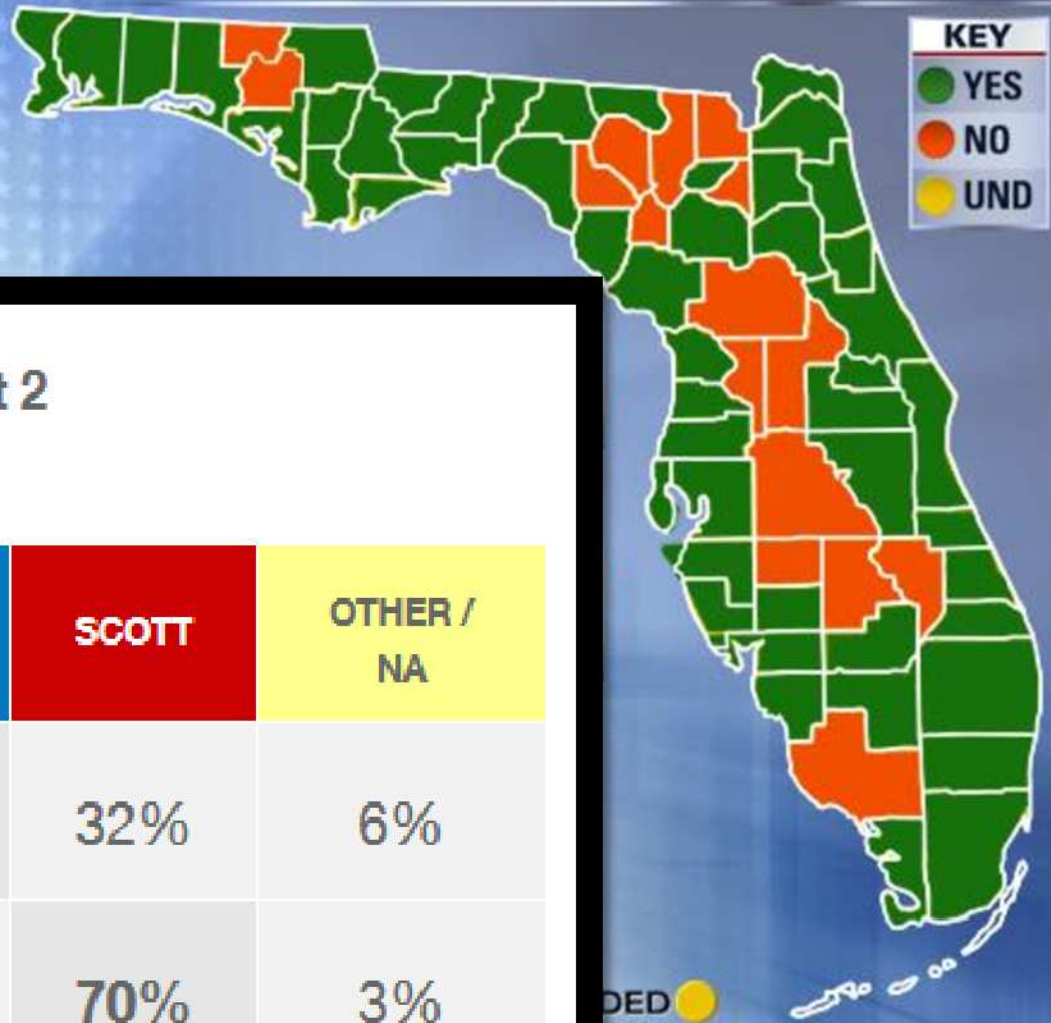


# Amendment 2





## Amendment 2 - Medical Marijuana



## Vote on Amendment 2

| TOTAL    | CRIST | SCOTT | OTHER / NA |
|----------|-------|-------|------------|
| Yes: 59% | 62%   | 32%   | 6%         |
| No: 41%  | 27%   | 70%   | 3%         |

to the nearest tenth.



# Amendment 2: Age Patterns

## Vote by Age

| TOTAL             | YES | NO  |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| 18-29: 14%        | 79% | 21% |
| 30-44: 19%        | 65% | 35% |
| 45-64: 42%        | 60% | 40% |
| 65 and older: 25% | 38% | 62% |



# Crist's Party Changes

## Crist Has Changed His Party Affiliation More To...

| TOTAL                       | CRIST | SCOTT | OTHER /<br>NA |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Reflect his beliefs: 30%    | 82%   | 16%   | 2%            |
| Help him win elections: 60% | 22%   | 71%   | 7%            |



# A Nationalized Election

## Country is Going In...

| TOTAL                | CRIST | SCOTT | OTHER / NA |
|----------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Right direction: 32% | 81%   | 17%   | 2%         |
| Wrong track: 62%     | 31%   | 64%   | 5%         |

## Are You Worried About Economic Conditions?

| TOTAL    | CRIST | SCOTT | OTHER / NA |
|----------|-------|-------|------------|
| Yes: 73% | 38%   | 58%   | 4%         |
| No: 25%  | 85%   | 13%   | 2%         |

## How Obama is Handling His Job

| TOTAL           | CRIST | SCOTT | OTHER / NA |
|-----------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Approve: 42%    | 88%   | 9%    | 3%         |
| Disapprove: 57% | 22%   | 74%   | 4%         |

CNN exit poll  
Florida 2014

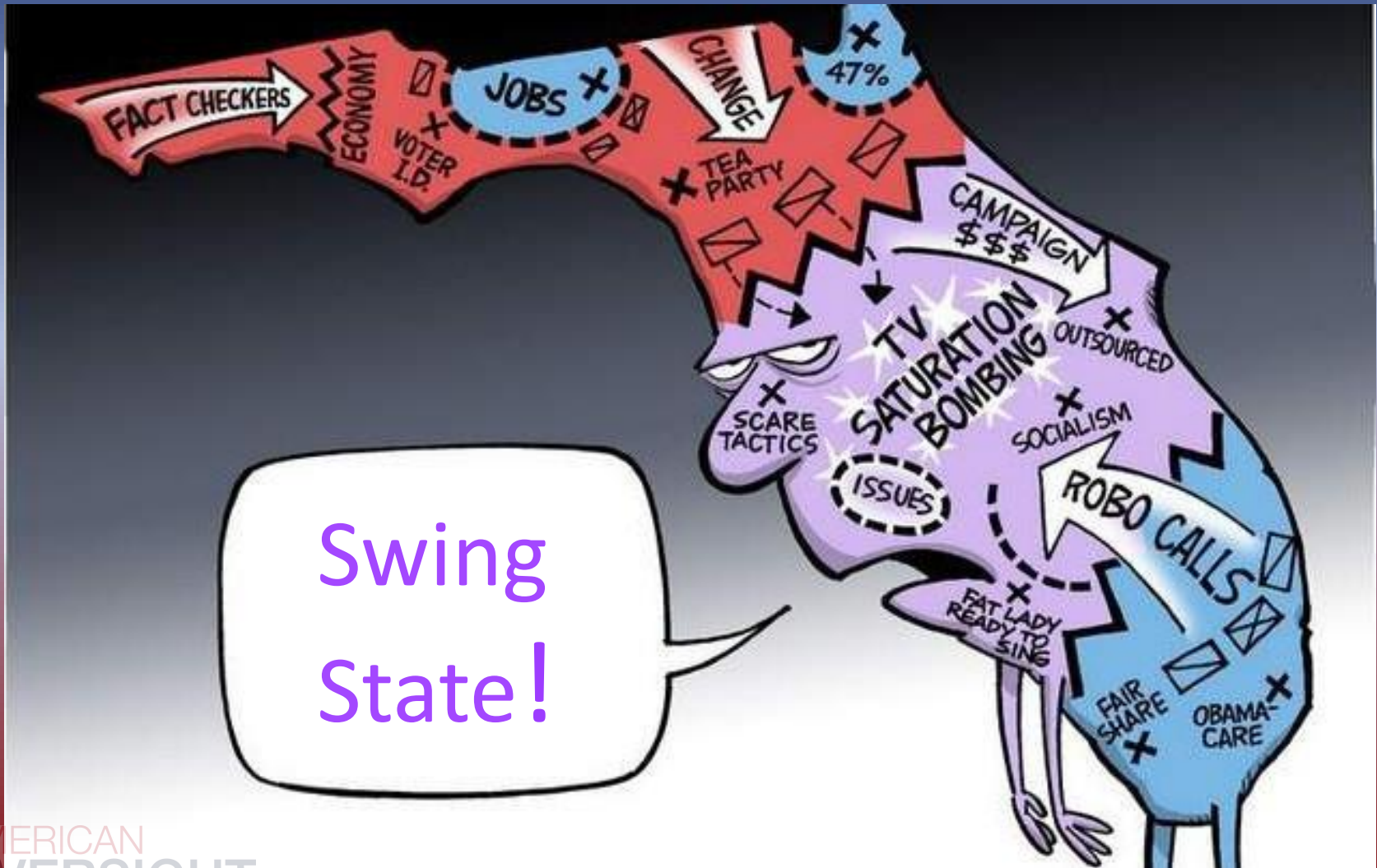


# Key Reasons for Scott Win

- **Nationalized election:** voters concerned about the direction of the country, the economy, and Obama's presidency voted Scott
- GOP caught up with Dems on voter mobilization technology
- GOP won turnout game; I-4 Corridor and North Florida; suburban & rural vote
- With exception of black vote, Ds could not reverse typical midterm drop in turnout rate for young, Hispanics, unmarried women
- **Rs winning scenario: split female vote split, win 40% of Hispanic vote, split independent vote**



# Expectations Going In: Close and It Was!









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Dear Supervisors and staff:

Attached is a revised "Dates to Remember" publication that now includes revised dates as a result of the law changing the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) Election from March 1, 2016 to March 15, 2016.

The publication will be posted soon on the Division's website.

Regards,

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Updated on 3/20/2015



## 2016 ELECTION DATES

### Candidate Qualifying Period:

|                                                                                                                                                    |                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| U.S. Senator, U.S Representative, Judicial, State Attorney (Except 20 <sup>th</sup> Circuit) and Public Defender (Except 20 <sup>th</sup> Circuit) | Noon, May 2 – Noon, May 6, 2016     |
| State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special Districts                                                                           | Noon, June 20 – Noon, June 24, 2016 |
| Write-in candidates for President and Vice President                                                                                               | 8 am, July 5 – Noon, July 12, 2016  |

### Voter Registration 'Bookclosing' Deadline:

|                                          |                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Presidential Preference Primary Election | February 16, 2016 |
| Primary Election                         | August 1, 2016    |
| General Election                         | October 11, 2016  |

### Absentee Ballot "Send" Deadline:

*For absent stateside and overseas uniformed and civilian voters ("UOCAVA voters") (45 day deadline before election):*

|                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Presidential Preference Primary Election | January 30, 2016   |
| Primary Election                         | July 16, 2016      |
| General Election                         | September 24, 2016 |

*For domestic voters (7-day mailing window):*

|                                          |                              |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Presidential Preference Primary Election | February 9 – 16, 2016        |
| Primary Election                         | July 26 - August 2, 2016     |
| General Election                         | October 4 – October 11, 2016 |

**Early Voting Period:** *Minimum mandatory 8 days beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup> day and ending on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day before Election Day. Each county Supervisor of Elections may at his or her own discretion offer additional days of early voting on any or all days during the 15<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> day and the last Sunday before Election Day.*

|                                          |                               |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Presidential Preference Primary Election | March 5-12, 2016              |
| Primary Election                         | August 20 – 27, 2016          |
| General Election                         | October 29 – November 5, 2016 |

**Election Day:** *For information about county or municipal election dates, please contact the local county Supervisor of Elections office or the city clerk's office, respectively.*

|                                          |                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Presidential Preference Primary Election | March 15, 2016    |
| Primary Election                         | August 30, 2016   |
| General Election                         | November 8, 2016* |

\*Holiday – Unless otherwise expressly stated in law or rules, a deadline that falls on a weekend or a legal holiday does not move to the next business day



## 2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 1* –<br>December 16 | Supervisors of Elections to initiate and complete programmatic address list maintenance ( <i>Section 98.065, F.S. – Each supervisor shall conduct at a minimum in odd-numbered years address registration list maintenance program to be completed no later than 90 days before any federal election</i> ) Any inactive voters who have not voted or attempted to vote, requested an absentee ballot, or updated their voter registration record in two general (federal) elections since they were first made inactive. ( <i>Section 98.065(4)(c), F.S.; NVRA</i> ) |
| January 1 (Thu)             | Deadline for voting systems vendors to file a written disclosure with the Department of State identifying any known defect in their voting systems or the fact there is no known defect, the effect of any known defect on the operation and use of the system, and any known corrective measures to cure the defect. ( <i>Section 101.56065, F.S. – On January 1<sup>st</sup> of every odd-numbered year</i> )                                                                                                                                                      |
| February 2 (Mon)            | Deadline for State and Supervisors of Elections to submit initial responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2014 Election Administration and Voting Survey. ( <i>Congress chartered U.S. EAC to collection information on election data and monitor voting, registration and voting technology and impact of National Voter Registration Act, Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Military and Overseas Voting Act, and Help America Vote Act</i> )                                                                                        |
| March 2 (Mon)               | Deadline for Department of State to submit the State's final responses to the 2014 EAC Survey to the U.S. EAC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| March 3 (Tue)               | Legislative Session begins ( <i>Article III, section 3, Fla. Const. – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| May 2 (Sat)                 | Last day of regular legislative session ( <i>Art III, Sec 3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| May 3 (Sun)                 | Deadline for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Attorney, and Public Defender candidates to change party affiliation. ( <i>Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election. Qualifying begins noon, May 2, 2016.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| June 21 (Sun)               | Deadline for Governor and Cabinet, State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special District candidates to change party affiliation. ( <i>Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election. Qualifying begins noon, Jun 20, 2016.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| July 24 (Fri)               | Deadline for Supervisor of Elections to submit HAVA "Balance" Report (i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2015 ( <i>Help America Vote Act of 2002</i> ))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| July 31 (Fri)      | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement for 2010 HHS Funds ( <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| September 11 (Fri) | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement from 2010 HHS “Undistributed” Funds to be used for AutoMarks and ICE voting machines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| October 30 (Fri)   | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit their annual report on 2010 HHS Funds ( <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility for the reporting period 10/1/14 through 9/30/15</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| November 30 (Mon)  | Deadline for major political parties to submit list of presidential candidates to the Secretary of State for the Presidential Preference Primary ballot ( <i>Section 103.101, F.S. – By November 30 of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| December 8 (Tue)   | Secretary of State to prepare and publish a list of the presidential candidates submitted by the major political parties ( <i>Section 103.101, F.S. – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December preceding the Presidential Preference Primary</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| December 14 (Mon)  | Last day for presidential candidate to have name removed from the Presidential Preference Primary ballot ( <i>Section 103.101, F.S. – Prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December preceding the Presidential Preference Primary</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| December 16 (Wed)  | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to complete any address list maintenance program activities including removal of “inactive” registered voters who have not voted, requested an absentee ballot or updated their voter registration records after 2 general federal elections since the voters were first made inactive ( <i>Section 98.065, F.S. – 90 days prior to a federal election</i> )( <i>Note: Voters ineligible for reasons such as felony conviction, mental incapacity, death, not a U.S. citizen, fictitious person, etc., can be removed at any time including in the 90-day period before an election; NVRA</i> ) s. 8.) |
| December 22 (Tue)  | Last day for Department of State to certify the names of presidential candidates to the Supervisors of Elections ( <i>Section 103.101, F.S. – No later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| December 31 (Thu)  | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State their 2015 HAVA Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker training, federal election activities, voting systems assistance, optical scan and ballot-on-demand for the reporting period 10/1/14 through 9/30/15.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



## 2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 12 (Tue)                         | Legislative Session begins ( <i>Ch. 2014–106, Laws of Fla., fixed date for 2016 session as January 12, 2016</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| January 15 (Fri) -<br>January 20 (Wed)   | Revisions to security procedures due to the Department of State ( <i>Section 101.015, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C – At least 45 days before early voting begins, specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| January 19 (Tue)                         | Division of Elections to submit information on compliance with 45-day UOCAVA absentee ballot mail-out for the Primary Election to Department of Justice ( <i>43 days before the Primary Election; date moved from Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> due to Martin Luther King Holiday</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| January 26 (Mon) –<br>February 2 (Sun)   | Mandatory 7-day window during which Supervisors of Elections must send out absentee ballots to all domestic voters who requested absentee ballots ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day before the election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| January 30 (Sat)                         | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots to overseas voters for the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – At least 45 days prior to each election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| January 31 (Sun)                         | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to certify list maintenance activities for prior 6 months to the Division of Elections ( <i>Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than January 31 of each year</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| February 1 (Mon)                         | Initiative petition signature certification deadline ( <i>Article <a href="#">XI</a>, section 5, Fla. Const. – not later than February 1 of the general election year; Section 100.371(1), F.S.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| February 14 (Sun)                        | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before an Election</i>)</p> <p>First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a challenge to another voter in the same county for the Presidential Preference Primary (<i>Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election</i>)</p> <p>Last day for Secretary of State to authorize a county to use ballot-on-demand for producing Election Day ballots (<i>Section 101.151, F.S. – No later than 30 days before an election</i>)</p> |
| February 14 (Sun) -<br>February 19 (Fri) | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail time and location of logic and accuracy test to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying ( <i>Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting, specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| February 15* (Mon) -<br>February 20 (Sat) | Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 101.131, F.S. – At least 14 days before early voting begins, specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| February 16 (Mon)                         | Voter registration closes for the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29<sup>th</sup> day before each election. If the 29<sup>th</sup> day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the deadline is the next that is not a Sunday or legal holiday</i> ) (29 <sup>th</sup> day falls on February 15 <sup>th</sup> , which is legal holiday)                                                                                                                                   |
| February 19 (Fri) –<br>February 24 (Wed)  | First day to conduct logic and accuracy test (L&A test) for Presidential Preference Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.5612, F.S. – No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| February 22 (Mon) –<br>February 27 (Sat)  | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins, specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| February 24 (Wed)                         | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days before each election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| February 29 (Mon)                         | Canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day before the election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| February 29 (Mon) –<br>March 3 (Fri)      | Early voting may begin prior to the mandatory early voting period ( <i>Section 101.657, F.S. – Addition early voting days may be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 2<sup>nd</sup> day before an election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| March 1 (Tue)                             | Poll watcher designations for the Presidential Preference Primary due ( <i>Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday preceding the election</i> )<br><br>If early voting begins on Feb 29, first day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State ( <i>Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities</i> ) |
| March 5 (Sat)                             | Early voting must begin for Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 101.657, F.S. – On the 10<sup>th</sup> day before an election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| March 6 (Sun)                             | First day after mandatory 8-day early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



voting details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities*)

- March 8 (Tue) Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to an election*)
- March 9 (Wed) Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests to mail absentee ballots to voters for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day before the election*)
- March 10 (Thu) First day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to 5 days prior to the election*)
- March 11 (Fri) Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election*)
- Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals (*Section 97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C.– 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election; any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated, or returned from military deployment or activation after 29-day registration deadline, or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them*).
- March 12 (Sat) Mandatory early voting period ends for the Presidential Preference Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day before an election*)
- March 13 (Sun) Optional extension of early voting period ends for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may also be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> day before an election*)
- March 14 (Mon) Last day to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election*)
- Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities*)



March 15 (Tue)

**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY (Section 103.101, F.S. – On the first Tuesday of year that is a multiple of 4 that the rules of the major political parties provide the state delegations to be allocated without penalty)**

“Emergency excuse” affidavit required for delivery of absentee ballot on Election Day (Section 101.62, F.S.- Except for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not deliver an absentee ballot to an elector or an elector's immediate family member on the day of the election unless voter affirms in an affidavit to an emergency that keeps the voter from being able to go to his or her assigned polling place.)

Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election (Section 101.67, F.S., – Except for 10-day extension for overseas absentee ballots as provided in s. 101.6952, F.S., all absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day)

County canvassing board to file preliminary election results with the Department of State, within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter on election night until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported. (Section 102.141, F.S. - All Election Day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for absentee ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by each reporting increment, until completed)

March 16 (Wed)

Deadline for all polling place returns to be submitted to the county canvassing board (Section 102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election)

March 17 (Thu)

Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections (Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day following the election)

March 19 (Sat)

Deadline for county canvassing board to file 1<sup>st</sup> unofficial results of Presidential Preference Primary with the Department of State (Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 4<sup>th</sup> day after a general or other election)

March 24 (Thu)

Deadline for county canvassing board to file 2<sup>nd</sup> unofficial results of Presidential Preference Primary with the Department of State, if necessary (Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 9<sup>th</sup> day after the election)

March 25 (Fri)

Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election (Section 101.6952(5), F.S. – Ballot must be postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election)

March 26 (Sat)

Legislative Session (regular) session ends (Art III, Sec 3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days)



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| March 27 (Sun) | <p>Deadline for county canvassing board official certificates to be filed with the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary (<i>Section 102.112, F.S. – Noon on the 12<sup>th</sup> day following the election</i>)</p> <p>County canvassing board to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the Presidential Preference Primary (<i>Section 102.141, F.S. – At the same time that the results of an election are certified</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| March 28 (Mon) | County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Immediately following the certification of the Election by the county canvassing board</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| March 29 (Tue) | Election Canvassing Commission meets to certify the returns for the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the Election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| April 2 (Sat)  | Department of State to publish notice of general election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county twice before beginning of qualifying ( <i>Section 100.021, F.S. – During the 30 days prior to the beginning of qualifying. Qualifying begins May 2, 2014.</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| April 3 (Sun)  | Deadline for completion of the publicly noticed audit and for results to be made public ( <i>Section 101.591, F.S., – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following certification of the Election by the county canvassing board</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| April 4 (Mon)  | <p>Deadline for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections (<i>Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – Before noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the qualifying period for the office sought</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for county canvassing board to submit report of publicly noticed audit to Division of Elections (<i>Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| April 14 (Thu) | <p>Deadline by which provisional ballot information must be made available on free access system for the Presidential Preference Primary (<i>Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update voting history for General Election (<i>Section 98.0981, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results for the Presidential Preference Primary</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file precinct level results of the General Election and a reconciliation of voter history and precinct level results with the Division of Elections (<i>Section 98.0981, F.S.– Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for Presidential Preference Primary</i>)</p> |



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| April 18 (Mon) | 14-day period begins allowing qualifying officers to accept and hold qualifying papers for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period ( <i>Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period</i> )                     |
| April 22 (Fri) | Deadline for officers qualifying as judicial, state attorney or public defender candidates to submit written resignations if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other ( <i>Section 99.012, F.S.– At least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period</i> )                                                |
| April 25 (Mon) | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections the number of valid signatures for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method ( <i>Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – No later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of the qualifying period</i> ) |
| May 2 (Mon)    | Qualifying period <b>begins</b> for all federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates ( <i>Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – At any time after noon ... of the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to the primary election</i> )                                                                                                                  |
| May 6 (Fri)    | Qualifying period <b>ends</b> for all federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates ( <i>Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No later than noon of the 116<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of the primary election</i> )                                                                                                                |
| May 12 (Thu)   | First day state write-in absentee ballots made available to overseas voters ( <i>Section 101.6951, F.S. – 180 days prior to the General Election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| May 13 (Fri)   | Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates who have qualified with the Department ( <i>Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying</i> )                                                     |
|                | Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature updated voting and voter history information for the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for Presidential Preference Primary</i> )                                                                      |
|                | Department of State to make publicly available on website compiled precinct level results of the Presidential Preference Primary ( <i>Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for Presidential Preference Primary</i> )                                                                                                |
| May 23 (Mon)   | Deadline for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections ( <i>Section 99.095, F.S. – Before noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the qualifying period for the office sought</i> )                          |



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| May 26 (Thu)  | Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from federal, state attorney, and public defender candidates ( <i>Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| June 1 (Wed)  | <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming primary and general elections (<i>Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections</i>)</p> <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to complete any address list maintenance program activities including removal of “inactive” registered voters who have not voted, requested an absentee ballot or updated their voter registration records after 2 general federal elections since the voters were first made inactive (<i>Section 98.065, F.S. – 90 days prior to a federal election; NVRA, s. 8</i>)(<i>Note: Voters ineligible for reasons such as felony conviction, mental incapacity, death, not a U.S. citizen, fictitious person, etc., can be removed at any time including in the 90-day period before an election</i>)</p> |
| June 6 (Mon)  | 14-day period begins for qualifying officers to accept and qualifying papers for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period ( <i>Section 99.061, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| June 10 (Fri) | Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for statewide, multi-county, county, or district office if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other ( <i>Section 99.012, F.S. – At least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| June 13 (Mon) | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections the number of valid signatures for statewide, multi-county, and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method ( <i>Section 99.095, F.S. – No later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of the qualifying period</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| June 20 (Mon) | Qualifying <b>begins</b> for all statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates)( <i>Section 99.061, F.S. – Noon of the 71<sup>st</sup> day prior to the primary election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| June 24 (Fri) | Qualifying <b>ends</b> for all statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than, judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates)( <i>Section 99.061, F.S. – No later than noon of the 67<sup>th</sup> day prior to the primary election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| June 25 (Sat) | Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they qualified ( <i>Section 99.092, F.S. – Immediately after the last day for qualifying</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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| July 1 (Fri)                   | Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of absentee ballot request information and upload to the Department of State for the Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the primary on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and continuously until 15 days after the primary election</i> ) |
|                                | Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates who have qualified with the Department ( <i>Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying</i> )                                              |
| July 1 (Fri) –<br>July 6 (Wed) | Any revisions to security procedures due to the Department of State ( <i>Section 101.015, F.S. – At least 45 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                |
| July 14 (Thu)                  | Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from statewide, multicounty, and district candidates ( <i>Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying</i> )                                             |
| July 16 (Sat)                  | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to send absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters for the Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – No fewer than 45 days before the primary election</i> )                                                                                                                                                   |
| July 18 (Mon)                  | Division of Elections to submit information on compliance with 45-day UOCAVA absentee ballot mail-out for the Primary Election to Department of Justice ( <i>43 days before the Primary Election</i> )                                                                                                                                         |
| July 24 (Sun)                  | Supervisors of Elections to remit filing fees to the state executive committee of the political party of the candidates ( <i>Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 30 days after the close of qualifying</i> )                                                                                                                                         |
| July 25 (Fri)                  | Deadline to report HAVA “Balance” Report ( <i>i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2016</i> )( <i>Help America Vote Act of 2002</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| July 26 (Tue) –<br>Aug 2 (Tue) | Mandatory 7-day window during which Supervisors of Elections must send out absentee ballots to all domestic voters who requested absentee ballots ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day before the election</i> )                                                                                        |
| July 29 (Fri)                  | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement for 2010 2011 HHS Funds ( <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility</i> )                                                                                                  |



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| July 31 (Sun)                       | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the Primary Election and to notify the Division of Elections of addresses and hours for each site (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election</i>)</p> <p>First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a challenge to another voter in the same county for the Primary Election (<i>Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election</i>)</p> <p>Supervisors of Elections to certify address and eligibility list maintenance activities to the Division of Elections (<i>Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than July 31 of each year</i>)</p> |
| July 31 (Sun) -<br>August 5 (Fri)   | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test (L&A test) to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying ( <i>Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Aug 1 (Mon)                         | <p>Deadline to register for the Primary Election (<i>Section 97.055, F.S.– On the 29<sup>th</sup> day before each election</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement for 2010 HHS Funds (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Aug 1 (Mon) -<br>August 6 (Sat)     | Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| August 5 (Fri) –<br>August 10 (Wed) | First day to conduct logic and accuracy test (L&A test) for Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.5612, F.S. – No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| August 8 (Mon)                      | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to post election preparation report on official website ( <i>Section 100.032, F.S. – at least 3 months before a general election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| August 8 (Mon) –<br>August 13 (Sat) | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| August 10 (Wed) | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election (<i>Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election</i>)</p> <p>Last day state write-in ballot is available to overseas voters (<i>Section 101.6951, F.S. – 90 days prior to a general election</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| August 15 (Mon) | <p>Canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Primary Election (<i>Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day before the election</i>)</p> <p>Early voting may begin prior to the mandatory early voting period, at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting maybe offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 11, or 2<sup>nd</sup> day before an election</i>)</p> |
| August 16 (Tue) | <p>Poll watcher designations for the Primary Election due (<i>Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday preceding the election</i>)</p> <p>If early voting begins on August 15, first day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities</i>)</p>                                    |
| August 20 (Sat) | Early voting must begin for the Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.657, F.S.– Early voting shall begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> day before an election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| August 21 (Sun) | First day after mandatory 8-day early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State ( <i>Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| August 23 (Tue) | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for the Primary Election (<i>Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election</i>)</p> <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the Primary Election (<i>Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election</i>)</p>                                                                                                                            |
| August 24 (Wed) | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day before the election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| August 25 (Thu) | First day that a designee can pick-up an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter for the Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – up to 5 days prior to the election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



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| August 26 (Fri)                        | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots requested for the Primary Election (<i>Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals (<i>Section 97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C.– 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election; any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated, or returned from military deployment or activation after 29-day registration deadline, or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them</i>).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| August 27 (Sat)                        | <p>Early voting ends for the Primary Election, unless Supervisor of Elections in respective county has decided to extend early voting to include Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> day) before election, then early voting ends on August 28 (Sun) (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day before an election but early voting may also be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the . . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> day before an election</i>))</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| August 28 (Sun) -<br>September 3 (Sat) | <p>Period in which proposed constitutional amendments are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in each county (<i>Art XI, Sec 5(d), Fla. Const.- Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment ...shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| August 29 (Mon)                        | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities</i>)</p> <p>Last day to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the Primary Election (<i>Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election</i>)</p> <p>Last day for Supervisor of Elections to deliver 'no excuse' absentee ballot to voter or designee to pick up no excuse absentee ballot. (<i>Section 101.62, F.S.</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and absentee ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period (<i>Section 102.141 (4)(a), by 7 p.m. on the day before the election</i>)</p> |



**August 30 (Tue)**

**PRIMARY ELECTION (Section 100.061, F.S. – On the Tuesday 10 weeks prior to the general election)**

“Emergency excuse” affidavit required for delivery of absentee ballot on Election Day (Section 101.62, F.S.- Except for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not deliver an absentee ballot to an elector or an elector's immediate family member on the day of the election unless voter affirms in an affidavit to an emergency that keeps the voter from being able to go to his or her assigned polling place.)

Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the Primary Election (Section 101.67, F.S., – All absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day)

County canvassing board to file preliminary election results must be filed with the Department of State, within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter on election night until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported. (Section 102.141, F.S. - All Election Day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for absentee ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by each reporting increment, until completed.)

Department of State to remit remainder of filing fees and party assessments to the respective political parties (Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than the date of the primary election)

**August 31 (Wed)**

Deadline for all polling place returns to be submitted to the county canvassing board (Section 102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election)

**Sep 1 (Thu)**

Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections (Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day following the election)

**Sep 2 (Fri)**

Deadline for county canvassing boards to file 1<sup>st</sup> Unofficial Results of the Primary Election with the Department of State (Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after a primary election)

**Sep 4 (Sun)**

Deadline for county canvassing board to file 2<sup>nd</sup> Unofficial Results for the Primary Election, if recount conducted (Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 5<sup>th</sup> day after a primary election)

**September 6 (Tue)**

Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the Primary Election (Section 102.112, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following a primary)

County canvassing boards to submit ‘Conduct of Elections’ report on Primary Election to the Division of Elections (Section 102.141, F.S., – At the same time that the results of an election are certified)



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| September 7 (Wed)                         | County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.591, F.S. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board</i> )                                                                                                                                                       |
| September 8 (Thu)                         | Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify Official Results for federal, state, and multicounty office ( <i>Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day after a primary election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                              |
| September 9 (Fri)                         | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement for 2011 HHS “Undistributed” Funds to be used for AutoMarks and ICE voting machines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| September 9 (Fri) -<br>September 14 (Wed) | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit any revisions to security procedures to the Department of State ( <i>Section 101.015, F.S. – At least 45 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                            |
| September 13 (Tue)                        | Deadline for completion of the voting system audit and for the results to be made public ( <i>Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board</i> )                                                                                                        |
| September 24 (Sat)                        | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to send absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters for the General Election ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – Not less than 45 days before the general election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| September 25 (Sun) -<br>October 1 (Sat)   | Period in which proposed constitutional amendments are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in each county ( <i>Art XI, Sec 5(d), Fla. Const. - Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment ...shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county</i> ) |
| September 26 (Mon)                        | Division of Elections to submit information on compliance with 45-day UOCAVA absentee ballot mail-out for the General Election to Department of Justice ( <i>43 days before General Election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| September 28 (Wed)                        | Report of voting system audit due to Division of Elections ( <i>Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| September 29 (Thu)                        | Last day by when Supervisor of Elections must make information about provisional ballot available to individual voters on free access system for the Primary Election ( <i>Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election</i> )                                                                                                                                  |
| October 4 (Tue) -<br>October 11 (Tue)     | 7-day mandated period for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) absentee voters ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day before the election</i> )                                                                                                                                                         |



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| October 8 (Sat)                         | <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update voting history for Primary Election (<i>Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 30 days after certification of election by Elections Canvassing Commission results for primary election</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file precinct level results of the Primary Election and a reconciliation of voter history and precinct level results with the Division of Elections (<i>Section 98.0981, F.S.– Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for primary election</i>)</p> |
| October 9 (Sun)                         | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the General Election and to provide the Division of Elections with addresses and hours for early voting sites (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election</i>)</p> <p>First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a challenge to another voter in the same county for the General Election (<i>Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election</i>)</p>                                                                                  |
| October 9 (Sun) -<br>October 14 (Fri)   | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy (L&A) test to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying ( <i>Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| October 10* (Mon) -<br>October 15 (Sat) | Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for early voting sites for General Election ( <i>Section 101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| October 11 (Tue)                        | Deadline to register to vote for the General Election ( <i>Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29<sup>th</sup> day before each election. If the 29<sup>th</sup> day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| October 14 (Fri) -<br>October 19 (Wed)  | First day to conduct logic and accuracy test for General Election ( <i>Section 101.5612, F.S. – No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| October 17 (Mon) -<br>October 22 (Sat)  | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the General Election ( <i>Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| October 19 (Wed)                        | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the General Election ( <i>Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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| October 23 (Sun) | <p>Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature updated voting and voter history information for the Presidential Preference Primary (<i>Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for primary election</i>)</p> <p>Department of State to make publicly available on website compiled precinct level results of the Primary Election (<i>Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for primary election</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                |
| October 24 (Mon) | <p>Canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the General Election (<i>Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day before the election</i>)</p> <p>Early voting may begin, at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 2<sup>nd</sup> day before an election</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                     |
| October 25 (Tue) | <p>Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for the General Election (<i>Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday preceding the election</i>)</p> <p>If early voting begins on October 24, first day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities</i>)</p>                                                                                                                           |
| October 29 (Sat) | Mandatory early voting period begins for the General Election ( <i>Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> day before an election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| October 30 (Sun) | <p>First day after mandatory 8-day early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit their annual report on 2010 2011 HHS Funds (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility for the reporting period 10/1/14 through 9/30/15)</p> |
| November 1 (Tue) | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification and badges for the General Election (<i>Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election</i>)</p> <p>Last day to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the General Election (<i>Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| November 2 (Wed) | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the General Election ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day before the election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| November 3 (Thu) | First day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the General Election ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to 5 days prior to the election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| November 4 (Fri) | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots for the General Election (<i>Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals (<i>Section 97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election; any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated, or returned from military deployment or activation after 29-day registration deadline, or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| November 5 (Sat) | Early voting ends for the General Election, unless Supervisor of Elections has decided to extend early voting to Sunday (the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day) before election, in which case early voting ends on November 6 (Sun) ( <i>Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3rd day before an election. However, early voting may also be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the . . . .2<sup>nd</sup> day before an election</i> ))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| November 7 (Mon) | <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State (<i>Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities.</i>)</p> <p>Last day for Supervisors of Elections to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the General Election (<i>Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and absentee ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period (<i>Section 102.141 (4)(a), by 7 p.m. on the day before the election</i>)</p> <p>Last day for Supervisor of Elections to deliver 'no excuse' absentee ballot to voter or designee to pick up absentee ballot. (<i>Section 101.62, F.S.</i>)</p> |



**November 8\* (Tue)      GENERAL ELECTION (Section 100.031, F.S. – On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November of each even numbered year)**

*“Emergency excuse” affidavit required for delivery of absentee ballot on Election Day (Section 101.62, F.S.- Except for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not deliver an absentee ballot to an elector or an elector's immediate family member on the day of the election unless voter affirms in an affidavit to an emergency that keeps the voter from being able to go to his or her assigned polling place.)*

*Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the General Election (Section 101.67, F.S. – Except for 10-day extension for overseas absentee ballots as provided in s. 101.6952, F.S., all absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on election day)*

*County canvassing board to file preliminary election results must be filed with the Department of State, beginning within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported. (Section 102.141, F.S. – On election night all election day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for absentee ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by time of reporting, until completed)*

November 9 (Wed)      *Deadline for all polling place returns to be submitted to the county canvassing board (Section 102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election)*

November 10 (Thu)      *Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections (Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day following the election)*

November 12 (Sat)      *Deadline for county canvassing boards to file 1<sup>st</sup> Unofficial Results of General Election with the Department of State (Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 4<sup>th</sup> day after a general election)*

November 17 (Thu)      *Deadline for county canvassing board to file 2<sup>nd</sup> Unofficial Results of General Election with the Department of State, if recount was conducted (Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 9<sup>th</sup> day after the election)*

November 18 (Fri)      *Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election (Section 101.6952(5), F.S. – Ballot must be postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the general election)*



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| November 20 (Sun) | <p>Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the General Election (<i>Section 102.112, F.S. – Noon on the 12<sup>th</sup> day following the election</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit ‘Conduct of Elections’ report to the Division of Elections on the conduct of the General Election (<i>Section 102.141, F.S., – At the same time that the results of an election are certified</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                   |
| November 21 (Mon) | <p>County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the General Election (<i>Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board</i>)</p> <p>Supervisors of Elections to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers elected, the office for which each was elected, and the mailing address of each (<i>Section 102.151, F.S. – Immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election</i>)</p> |
| November 22 (Tue) | Election Canvassing Commission meets to certify ‘Official Results’ for federal, state, and multicounty office ( <i>Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after a General Election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| November 23 (Wed) | Last day to prepare and upload daily electronic files of absentee ballot request information to the Department of State by 8 a.m. ( <i>Section 101.62, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Beginning 60 days prior to the primary election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. until 15 days after the general election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| November 27 (Sun) | Deadline for canvassing board to complete the voting system audit and for the results to be made public ( <i>Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| December 1 (Thu)  | Deadline for Supervisors of Elections of each county to submit total number of petition signatures verified at no charge for candidate or organization to seek reimbursement from Chief Financial Officer ( <i>Section 99.097, F.S. – No later than December 1 of the general election year</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| December 8 (Thu)  | Last day by when Supervisor of Elections must make information about provisional ballot available to individual voters on free access system for the General Election ( <i>Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| December 12 (Mon) | Last day for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on post-election certification voting system audit to Division of Elections ( <i>Section 101.591, F.S. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| December 15 (Thu) | <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on voter education programs to the Department of State (<i>Section 98.255, F.S. – By December 15 of each General Election year</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the “President and Vice President” race to the Department of State (<i>Section 101.595, F.S. – No later than December 15 of each general election year</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| December 22 (Thu) | <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update voting history for General Election (<i>Section 98.0981, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results for general election</i>)</p> <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file precinct level results of the General Election and a reconciliation of voter history and precinct level results with the Division of Elections (<i>Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for primary election</i>)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| December 31 (Sat) | <p>Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State HAVA Funds Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker training, federal election activities, voting systems assistance, optical scan and ballot-on-demand for the reporting period 10/1/14 through 9/30/15.</p> <p>Supervisors of Elections shall remove post-election all designated <i>inactive</i> voters who have not voted or attempted to vote, requested an absentee ballot, or updated their voter registration record in two general (federal) elections since they were first made inactive. (<i>Section 98.065(4)(c), F.S.; s. 8, NVRA</i>)</p> <p>All user IDs and passwords issued during prior year for access to statewide absentee ballot request information expire.</p> <p>Supervisors of Elections should review <a href="#">General Records Retention Schedule 3 for Election Records</a> public records retention/management for public records that are ready for disposition.</p> |



## 2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| January 1 (Sun)  | Deadline for voting systems vendors to file a written disclosure with the Department of State identifying any known defect in their voting systems or the fact there is no known defect, the effect of any known defect on the operation and use of the system, and any known corrective measures to cure the defect. <i>(Section 101.56065, F.S. – On January 1<sup>st</sup> of every odd-numbered year)</i>                                                                |
| January 6 (Fri)  | <p>Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature updated voting and voter information history <i>(Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for general election)</i></p> <p>Department of State to make publicly available on website compiled precinct level results of the General Election <i>(Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for general election)</i></p> |
| February 2 (Thu) | Deadline for State and Supervisors of Elections to submit initial responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2016 Election Administration and Voting Survey. <i>(Congress chartered U.S. EAC to collection information on election data and monitor voting, registration and voting technology and impact of National Voter Registration Act, Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Military and Overseas Voting Act, and Help America Vote Act)</i>  |
| March 2 (Thu)    | Deadline for Department of State to submit final responses to the 2016 EAC Survey to the EAC by the Department of State.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |





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**Subject:** Items of Interest

**Attachment(s):** "FSASE Summer 2015 - DOE -State of Affairs Final.ppt","FSASE Summer 2015 - 2015 Laws and Rules-FINAL.PPT","Public Records Exemption Form.pdf"

Dear Supervisors:

Attached to this email are the PowerPoint presentations that Maria and I provided at the FSASE Conference, along with the new DOS Form 119, Public Records Exemption Request, which incorporates the new exemptions for servicemembers serving after 9/11/01 and impaired practitioner consultants. The PowerPoint presentations soon will be posted to the Division's [SOE website](#); the exemption form is already posted to that website.

Also, as Maria alluded to at the Conference, it has now become official that Stacey Small, the Division Director's executive assistant, has resigned effective June 26<sup>th</sup>. If your SOE supplemental salary certification or recertification is becoming due in the next month or so and you already have the necessary credits, we would greatly appreciate if you could submit your application within the next week to avoid any delays in processing the certification.

Please share this email or relevant portions thereof with your applicable staff members.

Regards,

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## UPDATE - 2015 ELECTION LAWS, RULES, & OPINIONS

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# New Election Laws from 2015 Legislative Session



**Section 103.101(1) –  
Presidential Preference Primary  
Ch. 2015-5, Laws of Fla. (eff. 3/19/15)**

- PPP moved to third Tuesday in March of presidential election year.
- In 2016, date will be March 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Section 101.6952(2) –  
Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot  
Ch. 2015-40, Laws of Fla. (eff. 7/1/15)**

FWAB may now be used in any federal, state, or local election (to include ballot measures and judicial merit retention races)

**NOTE:** Judicial merit retention races are like ballot measures; only allowable responses are “yes” or “no.”



**Section 101.6952(3) –  
Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot  
Ch. 2015-40, Laws of Fla. (eff. 7/1/15)**

- A FWAB from an overseas voter in PPP or general election may not be canvassed until the end of the 10-day absentee ballot extension for such voters.
- If the voter's regular ballot is received during the 10-day window, then the FWAB is invalid and the regular ballot is to be canvassed.

**(Codifies DE 14-05)**



**Section 101.66(4) –  
Manual Recount re: FWAB  
Ch. 2015-40, Laws of Fla. (eff. 7/1/15)**

Requires DOS to adopt rules for determining the voter's choice for ballot measures listed on a FWAB, to include

- the proximity of entries, and
- the use of marks, symbols, or language to indicate the voter's approval or disapproval of the ballot measure.



## Section 97.0525

# Online Voter Registration Application

Ch. 2015-36, Laws of Fla. (eff. 7/1/15)

- **Legislative Report** (to be submitted by DOE)
  - Due NLT January 1, 2016, regarding progress on implementation
- **Risk Assessment** (to be done by DOE)
  - Conduct before implementation and every 2 years thereafter
- **Major system components**
  - Secure website/system
  - Online application (new and updates) for use by persons with driver licenses or state identification number
  - DL/State ID verification
  - Electronic confirmation when SOE receives online application
  - Accessibility compliant

• **Implementation** – October 1, 2017



## Section 119.071(5)(k)

# Public Records Exemption

Ch. 2015-86, Laws of Fla. (eff. 6/2/2015)

- Creates exemption from public records for current or former servicemember, his/her spouse, and dependent *if servicemember served after 9/11/2001*.
- Servicemember includes one serving in active armed forces, a reserve component, or National Guard.
- Protected information: home address, phone number, birthdate, place of employment of spouse or dependent, phone number associated with spouse/dependent's personal communication device, name and location of school attended by spouse or school or daycare facility attended by dependent.
- Servicemember must submit written request to agency & state that reasonable efforts made to protect information.



## Section 119.071(4)(d)2.n.

# Public Records Exemption

Ch. 2015-37, Laws of Fla. (eff. 5/21/15)

- Creates exemption from public records for current or former Impaired Practitioner Consultant (IPC) retained by an agency or employee of an IPC whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession.
- Also covers identifying information of spouse and children of an IPC, to include their names, places of employment & names/locations of school and day care facilities of children . (**Note:** The name of the IPC not protected; only home address, phone numbers, birthdates and photos.)
- Written request necessary to be filed to have the protection and IPC must have made reasonable efforts to protect information from otherwise being accessible.



## Sections 119.0712(2) & 197.3225

# Public Records Exemptions

Ch. 2015-13 & 2015-32, Laws of Fla. (eff. 7/1/2015)

- Create exemptions from public records for:
  - Email addresses held by a Tax Collector for tax notice purposes;
  - Email addresses collected by DHSMV for drivers' license purposes.
- DHSMV interpretation as it affects voter registrations done at DHSMV and Tax Collector offices:
  - No changes regarding the collection of email addresses for voter registration purposes (e.g., for sample ballot purposes) as they are still public record and applicants will be advised of this at DHSMV and Tax Collector offices.



# Overview of Rulemaking Process



# General Rulemaking Timelines: Law

1-2 days for notice to be published in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR). (Submit by 3pm, will be published the following day in FAR.)

- **Notice of Rule Development:** 14-day advance published notice before workshop (1 or more workshops can be held)
- **Notice of Proposed Rule:** 21-day advance published notice (w/ proposed text) before public hearing. (90-day clock to adopt rule starts from published notice.)
- **Notice of Change:** 21-day advance published notice before rule adoption (required if substantive changes made after Notice of Proposed Rule)



# General Rulemaking Timelines: Law

- **Filing for Adoption:** 7-day advance review by Legislature's Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) to give its OK before rule adoption (Purpose to ensure: adequate statutory basis, all applicable procedures are followed, and not illegal)
- **Effective Date:**
  - Default: 20 days from date filed for adoption
  - Later specified date (*i.e.*, 20 days plus)
  - Upon legislative ratification (for those rules that trigger economic impact thresholds)



# General Rulemaking Timelines: Additional Requirements

- **DOS Internal review:** All notices must be reviewed and approved by chain of command - Division Director, General Counsel, Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Secretary
- **OFARR:** At a minimum, notices of Rule Development, Proposed Rule and Notice of Change must be submitted to Governor's **Office of Fiscal Accountability & Regulatory Reform** one week in advance of FAR submission (includes economic impact analysis which also determines whether rule will require legislative ratification to become effective)



**RULES --**

**What's Ahead?**



# “Priority” Rules Undergoing Revision in 2015

- **Rule 1S-2.015** (Minimum Security Procedures)
- **Rule 1S-2.031** (Recount)
- **Rule 1S-2.032** (Uniform Ballot)
- **Rule 1S-2.043** (Electronic File Reporting of AB, EV, Election Results, Voting History) – to be split and new **Rule 1S-2.053** created
- **Rule 1S-2.045** (Candidate Petition Rule)
- **Rule 1S-2.051** (FWAB - Determination of Voter Choice)
- **Rule 1S-5.001** (Voting Systems Standards)



# **Rule 1S-2.015** Minimum Security Procedures for Voting Systems

- **FS 101.015:** Contains 4 specific mandates for the DOS to adopt rules in the areas of minimum security standards for hardware, software, and voting systems, as well as to achieve and maintain maximum degree of correctness and efficiency of voting procedures.
- **Rule Development Workshop, June 15<sup>th</sup> @1pm**



# Rule 1S-2.015: Why update?

1. Define additional terms used in the rule.
2. Ensure that DOE has latest version of county's security procedures on file.
3. Adapt rule to current procedures for odd-year review of counties' minimum security procedures and to clarify timelines for the review process.
4. Provide more detailed contents for security procedures to enhance security of the voting system and all ballots (absentee, provisional, early voting, and Election Day).



# Rule 1S-2.031 Recount Procedures

- FS 102.141(7)(d) and 102.166(5)(d) require DOS to adopt detailed rules prescribing additional recount procedures other than those specified in statute.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop scheduled for June 15, 2015 – first workshop held on April 9, 2014.



# Rule 1S-2.031: Why update?

1. Conform to state law as to who orders a recount when it is a state versus a local contest.
2. Add definitions for terms used in the rule.
3. Codify current practice and law in that recount procedures apply to municipal elections when county voting system used.
4. Emphasize ballot security.
5. Clarify when recounts can begin.
6. Require advance notice of names of candidate/political party/political committee representatives at recount.
7. Provide procedures when recount exists in race where votes may be given to more than one candidate.
8. Remove reference to outdated voting systems and add names of applicable voting systems.



# Rule 1S-2.032 Uniform Primary & General Election Ballot

- **FS 101.151** requires DOS to adopt rules prescribing a uniform primary and general election ballot for each certified voting system, to include graphic depiction of ballots.
- **Rule Development Workshop, June 15<sup>th</sup> @1pm**



# Rule 1S-2.032: Why update?

1. Substantial rewrite to update, reorganize and clarify the rule's content and ballot samples.
2. Conform to statutory changes (elimination of contest headings).
3. Define additional terms used in the rule.
4. Add more specificity regarding ballot layout.
5. Provide more flexibility for possible future certifications of voting systems (e.g., hybrid systems).
6. Clarify reasons for SOE to request deviation from the rule.



# **Rule 1S-2.043** Electronic File Reporting - Absentee Ballot Request Information, Voting Activity, and Election Results

- **FS 98.0981(5)** requires DOS to adopt rules and prescribe forms to carry out purpose of statute prescribing the electronic format for precinct-level elections results, voter history, and reconciliation of ballots cast with voter history.
- **FS 102.141(4) and (10)** require DOS to adopt rules that establish required content and formats for election results.
- **FS 101.62(3) and 101.657(2)** require DOS to prescribe the electronic format for AB & EV upload.



# **Rule 1S-2.043** Electronic File Reporting - Absentee Ballot Request Information, Voting Activity, and Election Results

- Rule hearing -9/15/2014; withdrawn -2/23/15.
- Rulemaking resumed with new workshop notice on 5/15/15 -- **workshop held on 6/1/15.**
- Splits existing rule into 2 to cover reports for
  - Pre-election day activities (R1S-2.043)
  - Election and post-election activities (R1S-2.053)
- **Pending Notice of Proposed Rule**



# Rule 1S-2.043: Why update?

1. Narrow scope of rule to pre-election day reporting activities, i.e., absentee and early voting.
2. Respond to statutory changes regarding absentee ballot and early voting requirements.
3. Better define the codes for absentee ballot status reporting.
4. Eliminate the submission of EV summary file; only require EV voters list file.
5. Specify the upload deadline is the time zone of SOE office.



# Rule 1S-2.053: Why Update?

1. Limit scope of rule to election and post-election day reporting activities.
2. Create uniform format for submission of election results, precinct-level election results, voter history and the reconciliation report.



# Rule 1S-2.045

## Candidate Petition Process

- FS 99.095 & 105.035 require the Division to prescribe the format of the candidate petition.
- Proposed Rule hearing is on June 15th @ 11:00am.



# Rule 1S-2.045: Why update?

1. Clarify that petition process only waives the qualifying fee and any party assessment, but that the candidate must still submit other qualifying papers.
2. Clarify what invalidates a petition (e.g., conflicting information for political party affiliation).
3. Clarify what format changes can be made by a candidate (e.g., using strike-through markings for items not applicable to one's candidacy).

**Note:** Change of address box not being included since candidates need not submit petition to SOE, unlike initiative petitions which PCs are required to submit to SOE.



# Rule 1S-2.051

## Standards for Determining Voter's Choice on a Federal Write-in Ballot

- Expect Notice of Rule Development.
- Rule is based upon statutory mandate in s. 102.166, FS.
- Although s. 102.166 concerns the manual recount of overvotes & undervotes, s. 101.5614(5)(b), FS, provides that duplication of a FWAB is also based upon this rule.



# Rule 1S-2.051: Why update?

- Due to Ch. 2015 - 40, Laws of Florida, extending use of FWAB to ballot measures and judicial merit retention races, effective July 1, 2015.
- Amendments necessary to specify when vote for ballot measure or judicial merit retention race will count or not count.



# Rule 1S-5.001

## Voting Systems Equipment Regulations

➤ **FS 101.015** requires the DOS to adopt rules which establish minimum standards for voting systems, to include provisional approval.

➤ Expect Notice of Rule Development

Beware: This is a “techie” rule! Draft incorporated form (Florida Voting Systems Standards) is about 140 pages long.



# Rule 1S-5.001: Why update?

1. Update the standards to reflect current technology and standards in use for new voting systems and ancillary and peripheral systems/components.
2. Provide standards for approval of non-tabulation systems.
3. Make the Florida Voting Systems Standards form (DS-DE 101) more comprehensive as to the standards required.
4. Provide more explicit guidance to vendors or other applicants as to what is required and what to expect in terms of submissions, procedures, notices, testing, costs, allowable changes, certifications, approvals, denials, etc.



# More Rule Revisions

Other rules on list to be revised in FY 2015-16:

- Qualifying Requirements (1S-2.0001)
- SOE Special Qualification Salary (1S-2.0115)
- Random Sampling Procedure (1S-2.008)
- Const. Amendment Initiative Petition (1S-2.0091)
- Reporting Requirements for Campaign Treasurer's reports (1S-2.017)
- Mail Ballot Election (1S-2.022)
- 3PVRO (1S-2.042)
- State Campaign Matching Funds Program (1S-2.047)



# OPINIONS



# Advisory Opinions

## ➤ ***Informal Opinons***

- Election-related *procedural* questions 

### **Division of Elections**

- Election-related *legal* questions 

**DOS Office of General Counsel** (i.e., questions that involve an interpretation of a statute or the application of a statute to a specific set of facts.)

## ➤ ***Formal Advisory Opinion***

- Statutory authority: F.S..106.23(2)
- Rule 1S-2.010, Fla. Admin. Code - contains the procedures to submit a request



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# 2015 Formal Advisory Opinions

- **DE 15-01:** A candidate disposing of surplus funds pursuant to section 106.141, Florida Statutes, may do so by giving funds to the **county** executive committee of a political party



# Formal Advisory Opinions

## Pending opinions involve:

- Whether municipal campaign finance reporting calendar conflicts with Ch 106.
- County Canvassing Board issues: May the board vote to remove a member? Does a mistaken endorsement by a member of the board in a political advertisement printed by a candidate disqualify the member?
- Political Committee wants to award citizens for requesting an absentee ballot or for voting by absentee (not tying the award, prize, or payment to any particular candidate or party).
- Sitting office holder and potential candidate for election wanting to purchase informational refrigerator magnets and publish newsletter for education of, and use by, constituents.
- Resign-to-run question regarding municipal candidate.



**Any Comments or  
Questions**



**The End**





# ELECTION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

FSASE SUMMER CONFERENCE- JUNE 10, 2015

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**Maria Matthews, Director**

**Gary Holland, Assistant Director**

**Division of Elections**

***Secretary of State Ken Detzner***



# Director's Office

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# New Website Launch



- Year + long process
- Thinkcreative- developed architecture for Department's whole website
- In-house team (IT/Division staff)- developed content and organization
- More user friendly/dynamic
- Launch - May 29, 2015
  - Feedback begets change
  - Review/update links to pages/documents
- Automatic redirect will end on October 1, 2015



# Publications

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**Recently  
revised**

- Election Dates to Remember 2015-2017 (new excel format)
- Initiative Petition Guide
- Voter Registration Guide




**In Progress**

Handbooks (campaign,  
qualifying)  
SOE guide to reports  
Others



# Forms

- Exemption Form-revised to accommodate two new statutory protected categories of high risk professionals-
  - Servicemembers serving after 9/11
  - Impaired practitioner consultants
- Given Department form number –DOS -119
- Free to use as template for your own agency



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION REQUEST**  
(Form DOS-119; Rev. 06/2015)

Florida law allows certain persons to request that an agency not publicly disclose specific identification and/or location information contained in any of its agency records. Please refer to sections 119.071 (2)(j), (4)(d) and (5)(i), 265.605, and 267.17, Fla. Stat., or other applicable statute for scope of protection which may include home address, phone numbers, photos, name of spouse and/or children, and their place of employment, and/or school or daycare care facility, date of birth.

To request the exemption for records in our agency, please complete the form and return to: Secretary of State, c/o Public Records Custodian Director, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. For more information, contact 850-245-6536.

To request that the exemption extend to your spouse and/or children (not applicable for donor\* or victim\* of battery, abuse, harassment, or stalking) please submit a separate sheet with the name, date of birth, and relationship for purposes of identifying them in any public records within the custody of the agency. (If you have attached supplemental pages, check here ☐)

In order to process this request for any of your records that may be in the Division of Corporations, please complete the Addendum for Exemption of Public Disclosure. (Otherwise, check here for Not Applicable: ☐)

You will be contacted if the information you provide is insufficient to identify you distinctly from someone else similarly named in the records.

I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category for which you and/or the person(s) named below are eligible):

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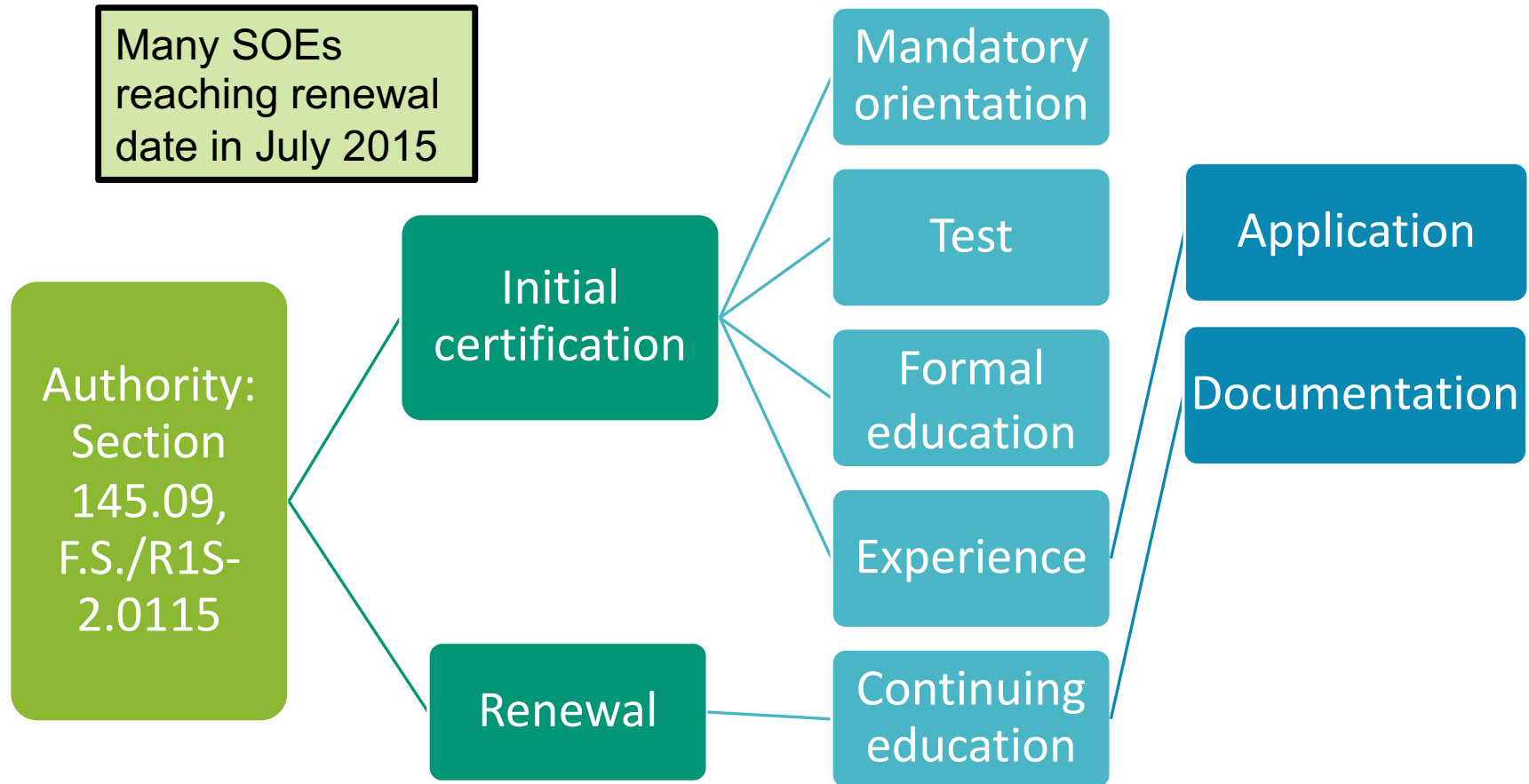
# Special election reimbursements requests

(s. 100.102, F.S.)

- Authority under section 100.102, F.S., to recover verified actual expenses for special elections
- DE-0005 Reference Guide
- Outstanding yet-to-be paid requests
  - Flagler
  - Pinellas
  - Putnam
  - St. Johns
  - Volusia
- Total: \$1,052,761.58 requested/in budget for FY2015-2016



# SOE Special Salary Qualification





# U.S. Election Assistance Commission

- Federal non-regulatory agency mandated by HAVA
- Recent commissioner appointments -3 of 4—Christy McCormick, Thomas Hicks, and Matt Masterton
- Reconstitution of EAC Standards Board (100<sup>+</sup> board)
  - State/county representatives: Maria Matthews and Paul Lux
  - Duties:
    - Presents views on federal election administration
    - Formulates recommendations to the EAC
    - Receives updates on EAC activities such as Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines
- EAC adopts recommendations for voting system standards from Technical Guidelines Development Committee(TGDC) and Voting System Standards Committee



# U.S. Election Assistance Commission

- [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)
- Useful clearinghouse/resource for election officials
  - Quick start guides to help election officials effectively manage and administer elections—easy to read tips on topics like:
    - Managing change in election office
    - UOCAVA voters
    - Hiring effective poll workers
  - Online interactive map of voting systems in use in US
  - Repository for voting system RPFs and other state reports
- Administration of annual General Election EAC election Administration and Voting Survey
- Oversight of HAVA and its funds
- Accreditation of test labs for voting system certification



# Workshops/Training

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- FSASE Summer Conference (Osceola County)
- FCEP (July 2015; Orlando)
  - M Matthews → vote registration/maintenance of records
  - G Holland → election laws
- 2014 Voter Education Survey Webinar (1h credit), July/August 2015; Online presentation/webinar)
- FSASE Mid-Winter Conference, June 8, 2015 (St. Johns County)
- FSASE Canvassing Board Workshop (January 14-15; Orange County)



# 2010 HHS Funds -Polling Place Accessibility

**\$667,766.00**



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**Deadline to request reimbursement for original amount 7/31/15**

**Deadline to state intent to ask reimbursement for remaining undistributed funds 7/31/15**

**Deadline for paperwork submission 8/28/2015**

**County Request Status: 14 - reimbursed, 51- no request, 2 - intend to request \$; 6 - intend to request remaining undistributed \$**



# 2014-2015 HAVA FEA Funds

**\$3,000,000**

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**Deadline to request distribution June 1, 2015**

**County status request:  
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**Undisbursed funds as of 6/1 = \$100,667.68**



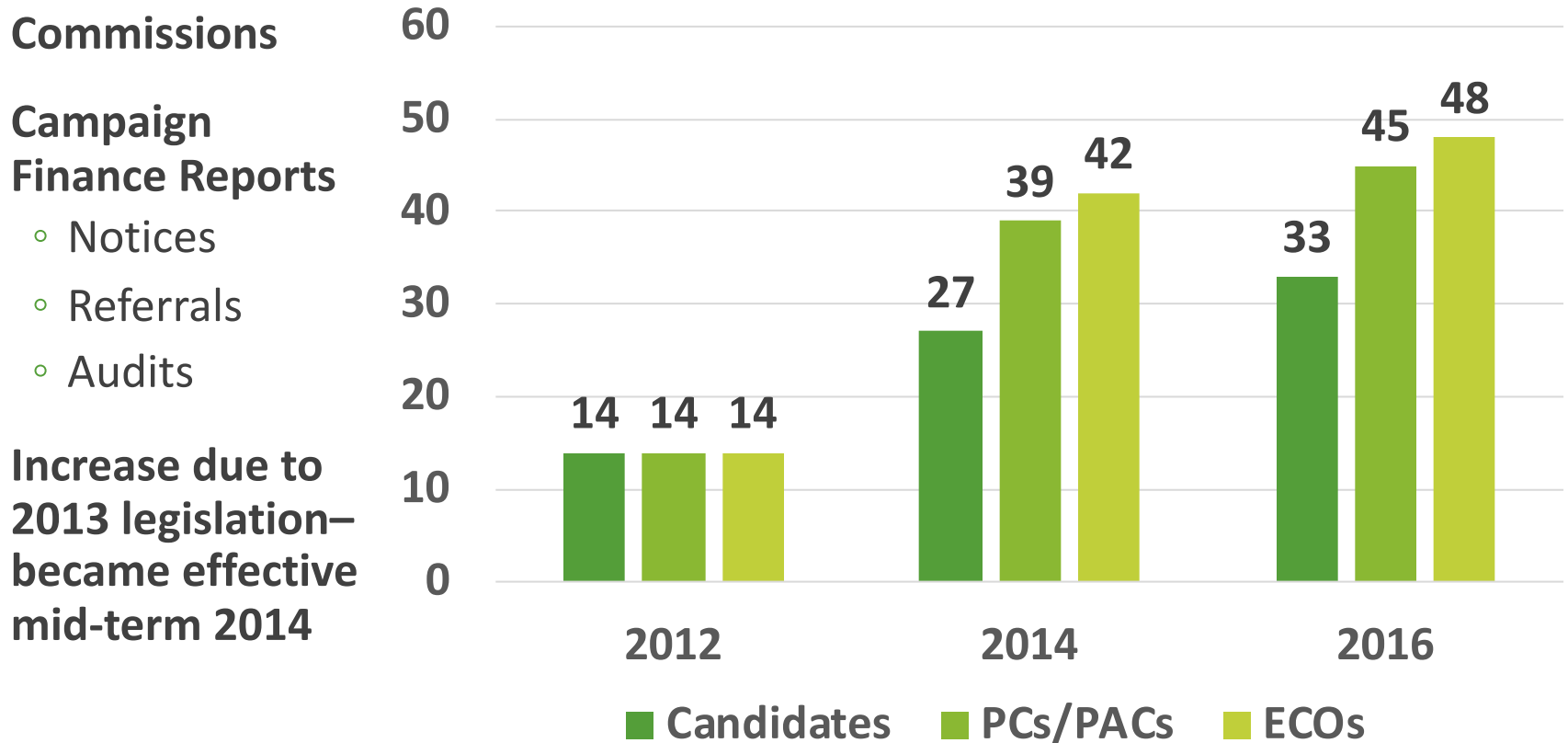
# Bureau of Election Records

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# Activities

## Number of Reports Required per Election Cycle



Includes all candidates who file with Division of Elections except statewide candidates



# Bureau of Voting System Certification

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# Rules

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R1S-2.015 Minimum Security Procedures Rule

R1-2.032 Uniform Ballot Rules

R1S-2.053 XML Results Reporting

R1S-5.001 Voting Systems Standards Rewrite

(subject of different presentation)



# Recent Certifications/Approvals

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## **ES&S EVS, Release 4.5.0.0, Version 4 with Express Vote**

- Various optimization and performance enhancements of previously certified systems
- Introduced the ExpressVote ballot marking device
- Certified May 1, 2015
- ExpressVote component-provisionally approved
  - For use in any election conducted through May 1, 2017,
  - To be used solely by persons with disabilities
- Anticipate vendor returning to address this
- Rulemaking still needed



# Recent Certifications/Approvals

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## Dominion Voting System's 4.14.17, Version 3

- Included a modification to a previously certified voting system, *Democracy Suite Release 4.14.17, Version 2* (approved on April 9, 2014):
  - the firmware of the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) precinct tabulator added a “Dual Display” feature that allows for concurrent voting sessions for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) and non-ADA voters; and
  - the list of compatible modems added a new cellular modem for use with the ICE's results reporting
- Certified May 26, 2015



# Pending Applications for Certifications/Approvals

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## Dominion Voting System –Sequoia

- Impacts only Palm Beach County
- Completed application submitted on 6/8/15
  - **New EDGE firmware** (v. 5.2.17)
    - Test plan finalized
    - Source code reviewed
    - Mass ballot count started 6/8/15
    - Public test on 6/10/15
  - **XML results utility** to the WinEDS 4.0.175 v as requested by Palm Beach County



# Pending Applications for Certifications/Approvals

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## Dominion Voting Systems (DVS) –Democracy Suite

- DVS –Democracy Suite Release 4.14.37, version 1
- Application original submitted on 2/17/15 for Release 4.14.17 v 3 but placed on hold as requested by DVS
- Application process restarted with Release 4.14.37, v 1
- TDP package still incomplete
- Staff working on test plan until application completed



# Pending Applications for Certifications/Approvals

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## ES&S –EVS, Version 4 (Revision 1)

- Provided an ECO for Verizon C2 to replace C1 modem for better handling instantaneous powering modem down
- Regression test completed without issue
- BVSC waiting for instructional language it has requested for clarification from ES&S on scripts and firewall
- Test report and recommendation for approval drafted – in the review pipeline while:
- ES&S to ship new application in yet unspecified date



# Pending Applications for Certifications/Approvals

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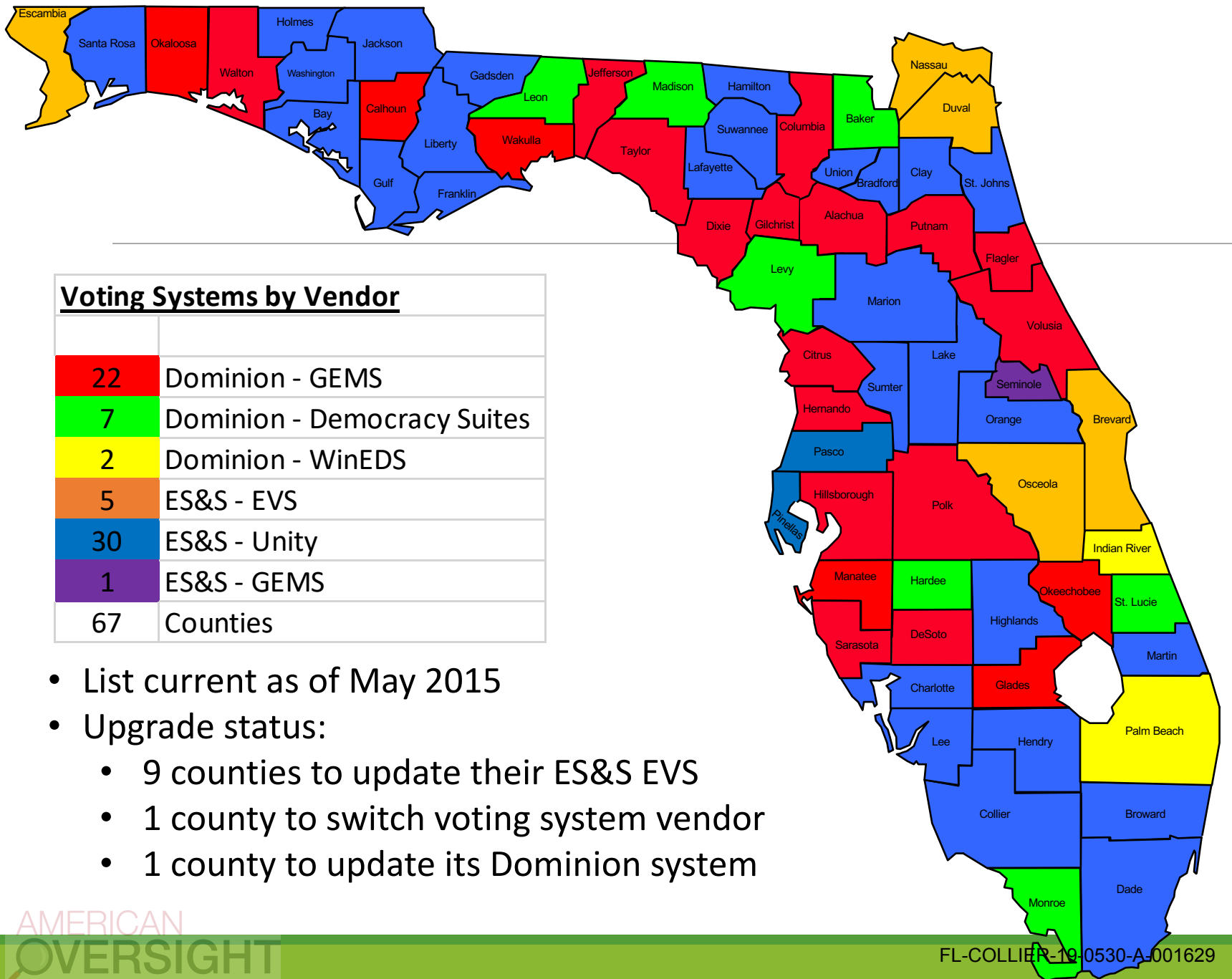
## **Democracy Live –Live Ballot version 3.0**

- BVSC has requested more information regarding pending application

## **Clear Ballot- Clear Audit**

- Application submitted on June 8, 2015
- Request for approval for upgrade to interim approved ClearAudit 1.0.6 (for use until January 1, 2016)







# Voting System Acquisition Reports

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Process for assigning system number:

1. BVSC assigns release number to a voting system based on the system's election management system identification (e.g. GEMS release 1.21.6.)

- A change in release is considered a new system (version 1)
- A modification is referred as to version 2, 3, etc.

2. Revision number (optional) -refers to a change that DOES NOT change the election management system or the tabulator.



# Voting System Acquisition Reports (cont'd)

## DOS Approval

- Application submitted
- System tested
- Recommend approval
- Certificate issued

## Vendor sends install disk to BVSC

Executables,  
Firmware  
microchip

Flash drives

User manual  
Sworn  
certificate

## BVSC verifies install pkg

- Match items to testing based on algorithm-cryptographic hash
- To ensure integrity, authenticity
- To detect corruption

## BVSC sends install pkg to county

- Install pkg
- Vendor's sworn certificate
- Acquisition forms to be completed by county after acceptance testing



# Voting System Acquisition Reports (cont'd)

## County acceptance test

- Refer to: R1S-2.004
- Test, test
  - EMS
  - Tabulators
  - Modem

Transmission if applicable

## County sends acquisition forms to BVSC

1. BVSC 1: (101.5607(1)(a), F.S.)
2. BVSC 2: Details elements of acquired system system)

## BVSC posts on website

- Also maintains list of systems in case any technical assistance required or errors noted on system



# Minimum Security Procedures

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- BVSC conducts odd-numbered year review
  - SOEs confirm latest version on file
  - Process will take through end of summer to accommodate counties acquiring new systems or upgrades who wait to modify minimum security procedures.
  - Identify clearly those parts of procedures that are exempt from public disclosure when you file with Division
  - As of 6/4, BVSC has reviewed procedures for 40 counties
  - Rule workshop on June 15, 2015 on Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C. (Statutory cross-reference: s. 101.015, F.S.)



# Bureau of Voter Registration Services

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# Bureau of Voter Registration Services

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Address and eligibility records maintenance

Voter records-ongoing quality control and audits

FVRS hardware refresh/rewrite

Online voter registration application system



# Address List Maintenance


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- Section 98.065, F.S.
- Bi-ennial Program -Odd-numbered years (minimum)
- Use one or more of the following procedures:
  - USPS address change information
  - Mail out to all registered voters in the county (nonforwardable return-if-undeliverable mail) and/or
  - Mail out to all registered voters who have not voted in the last 2 years and who did not make a written request that their registration records be updated during that time (use returned nonforwardable return-if-undeliverable address confirmation requests)
- 90-day window before PPP to complete is December 16



# Accounting-Eligibility and Address Records Maintenance

- **Bi-annual 6-month certification of activities reports** (due June 30 and January 31 every year- documents SOEs maintenance record activities relating to address changes, updates and requests for confirmations, and eligibility)
- **NEXT DUE DATE:** July 31, 2015



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE/DIVISION OF ELECTION

### Certification of Eligibility Records Maintenance

This form is to be used to certify that the Supervisor of Elections conducted activities as required under section 98.075, F.S. to identify and remove ineligible voters from the voter registration rolls.

Supervisor of Elections or designee, for registration rolls \_\_\_\_\_ to June 30, \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify the following for the period January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_.

Or July 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. ACTIVITY: NOTICE OF POTENTIAL INELIGIBILITY** (provide total number for each category)

Notices mailed (s. 98.075(7)(a)1., F.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

Notices published (A notice is published ONLY if the mailed notice came back undeliverable which includes unclaimed, refused, or otherwise marked as undeliverable). For notices including voters, provide the number as if it were a notice mailed (s. 98.075(7)(a)2., F.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. ACTIVITY: RESPONSES TO NOTICES (MAILED OR PUBLISHED)**

Voters who responded to mailed notices \_\_\_\_\_

Voters who responded to published notices \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hearings conducted (this should be the same as the number of voters who responded to either a mailed or published notice and requested a hearing (such hearing can only be requested by and held for persons who deny ineligibility)) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. ACTIVITY: NUMBER OF VOTERS REMOVED BASED ON REASONS FOR REMOVAL**

Convicted felon with no civil rights restored/clemency \_\_\_\_\_

Mentally incapacitated without voting rights restored (Refers to voters whom the court has declared to be mentally incapacitated AND taken away their voting (judicial rights)) \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased (Refers to deceased voters removed with or without notice based on death data match identified by the state, receipt of in-state death certificates or information received from other source) \_\_\_\_\_

Not of legal age to register \_\_\_\_\_

Not a U.S. citizen \_\_\_\_\_

Listed a residence that is not his or her legal residence (Refers to voters who listed someone else's legal residence, or who listed a residence that is not a valid legal residence) \_\_\_\_\_


Fictitious person (Includes registered voters with false names and/or date of birth or who use someone else's residence, name or date of birth to register) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor of Elections or designee (signature)

Please submit by deadline (July 31 for Jan-June) or by January 31 for Jul-Dec) to: Chief, Bureau of Voter Registration Services, Fla. Dept. of State, Division of Elections, P.O. Box 16000, Tallahassee, Florida 32316; 850-245-6230 (phone); 850-245-6231 (fax)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE/DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

### Certification of Address List Maintenance Activities

This form is to be used to certify that a Supervisor of Elections has conducted activities required under section 98.065, Fla. Stat., to maintain current and accurate residential addresses for registered voters.

certify that the following address list maintenance program activities, for \_\_\_\_\_ of January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to June 30, \_\_\_\_\_ or July 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_ were:

Change-of-address information from U.S. Postal Service/NCOA \_\_\_\_\_

Mass (nonforfeitable) mailing to all registered voters in county \_\_\_\_\_

Mass address confirmation request (nonforfeitable) mailing to registered voters who have requested an update to their records within the last 2 years \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFIRMATION REQUESTS (ACR)** (provide total number) \_\_\_\_\_

Information requests sent \_\_\_\_\_

**VOICES NOTICES (ACN)** (provide total number) \_\_\_\_\_

Notices sent \_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL NOTICES (ACFN)** (provide total number in each category)

Final notices sent \_\_\_\_\_

Responded to address confirmation final notices \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS (s. 98.065(4)(c), F.S.)** (provide total number in each category)

On inactive status (this includes only those voters for whom an address is available or who did not respond to the notice within 30 days) \_\_\_\_\_

**NO VOTERS (s. 98.065(4)(c), F.S.)** \_\_\_\_\_

Removed from the statewide voter registration system \_\_\_\_\_

Added on the inactive list and who for no general election cycle \_\_\_\_\_

Not on extensive ballot, not updated their registration record \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

activities) or no later than January 31 (for July through December) to: Chief, Bureau of Voter Registration Services, Fla. Dept. of State, Division of Elections, P.O. Box 16000, Tallahassee, Florida 32316; 850-245-6230 (phone); 850-245-6231 (fax)

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# Quality Control/Record Auditing

## *Quarterly Reports*

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- Inactive voters for longer than 2 general election cycles
- Incomplete voter status for 2 + years
- Voters with an age 115 + for potential date of birth input error or deceased status
- Voters with future registration dates and registration dates before 01/01/1900
- SSN data input error (e.g., SSN appears as 082-02-0000 or a five digit SSN 08202)
- Voter information records with the word “NONE” in first, last or both name fields
- Voters who had protected records to ascertain if protected flag was erroneously removed



# Quality Control/Auditing-Eligibility Records

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- **BVRS aged felon and deceased reports (monthly)**
  - FDLE felon match files –more than 120 days old in which has taken no action
  - DOH/BVS and SSA deceased matched files –more than 7 days old in which county has take no action
  - Work the files and contact BVRS if county did not get notice of file.



# Quality Control/Record Auditing

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- BVRS staff re-review previously invalidated ineligibility files
- Auditing records for potential administrative data input errors [ongoing and/or future audits]
  - Records with incomplete driver's licenses
  - Records with a date of birth less than registration date
  - Records where age in driver license/state ID number is different than voter's date of birth



# Quality Control/Record Auditing (cont'd)

| Type        | Criteria                                                                      |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FN-DB-SSN+  | First name, DoB, SSN4 + (Last Name partial; Same Address or same DL number)   |
| FN-DB-SSN   | First name, DoB, SSN4                                                         |
| DL-LN-FN-DB | DL number + Last name , First name and DOB                                    |
| DL-FN-DB+   | DL number, First name, DoB + (Last Name partial or Same Address)              |
| DL-FN-DB    | DL number, First name, DoB                                                    |
| DL-FN+      | DL number, First name + (Last Name partial or Same Address)                   |
| DL-FN       | DL number, First name                                                         |
| MBDLERROR=  | DL number + Last name , First name and DOB –matches exist for both voter ID's |
| MXDLERROR=  | DL number + Last name , First name and DOB – match exists for Voter ID 1      |
| MZDLERROR=  | DL number + Last name , First name and DOB – match exists for Voter ID 2      |
| DLERROR+    | DL number – match on partial name or same address                             |
| DLERROR-    | DL number – Birth Year does NOT match so the DL number should not be the same |
| DLERROR     | DL number                                                                     |



# Auditing-Eligibility Records

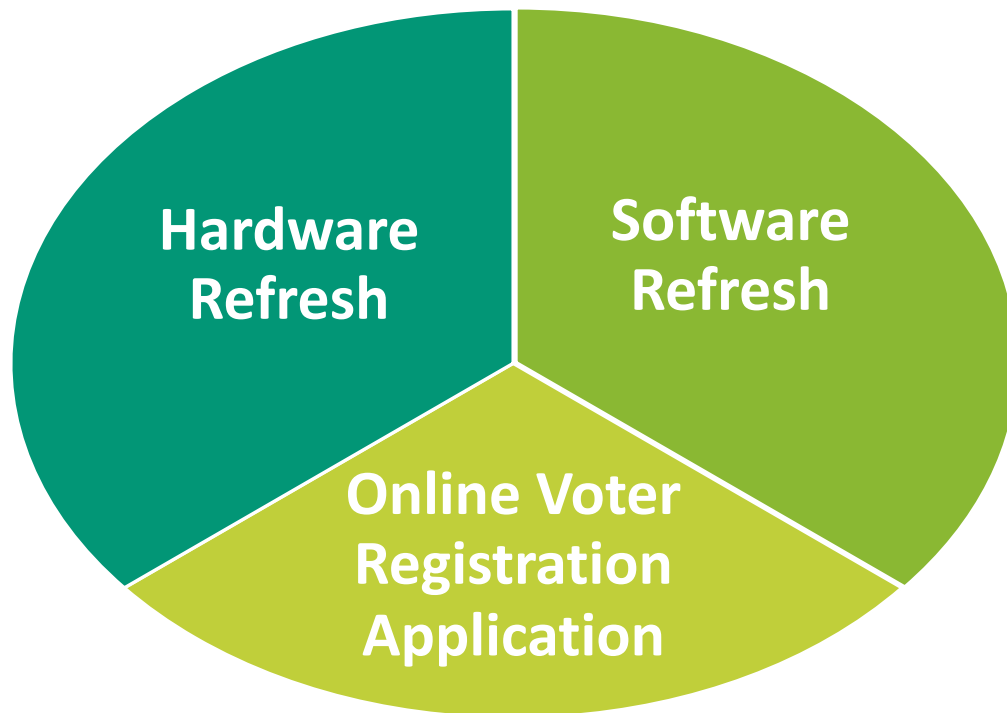
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- **Move-in and move-outs of potential felons that BVSC has sent county:**
  - If potential ineligible file originated from BVRS, contact BVRS so match can be re-evaluated for continuing validity. If still valid, BVRS will be re-assigned to the new county of residence. Do not transfer file yourself.
  - If you created the potential ineligible file, then you **MUST** notify the new county and coordinate transfer of file. Do not involve BVRS.



# FVRS Modernization Project

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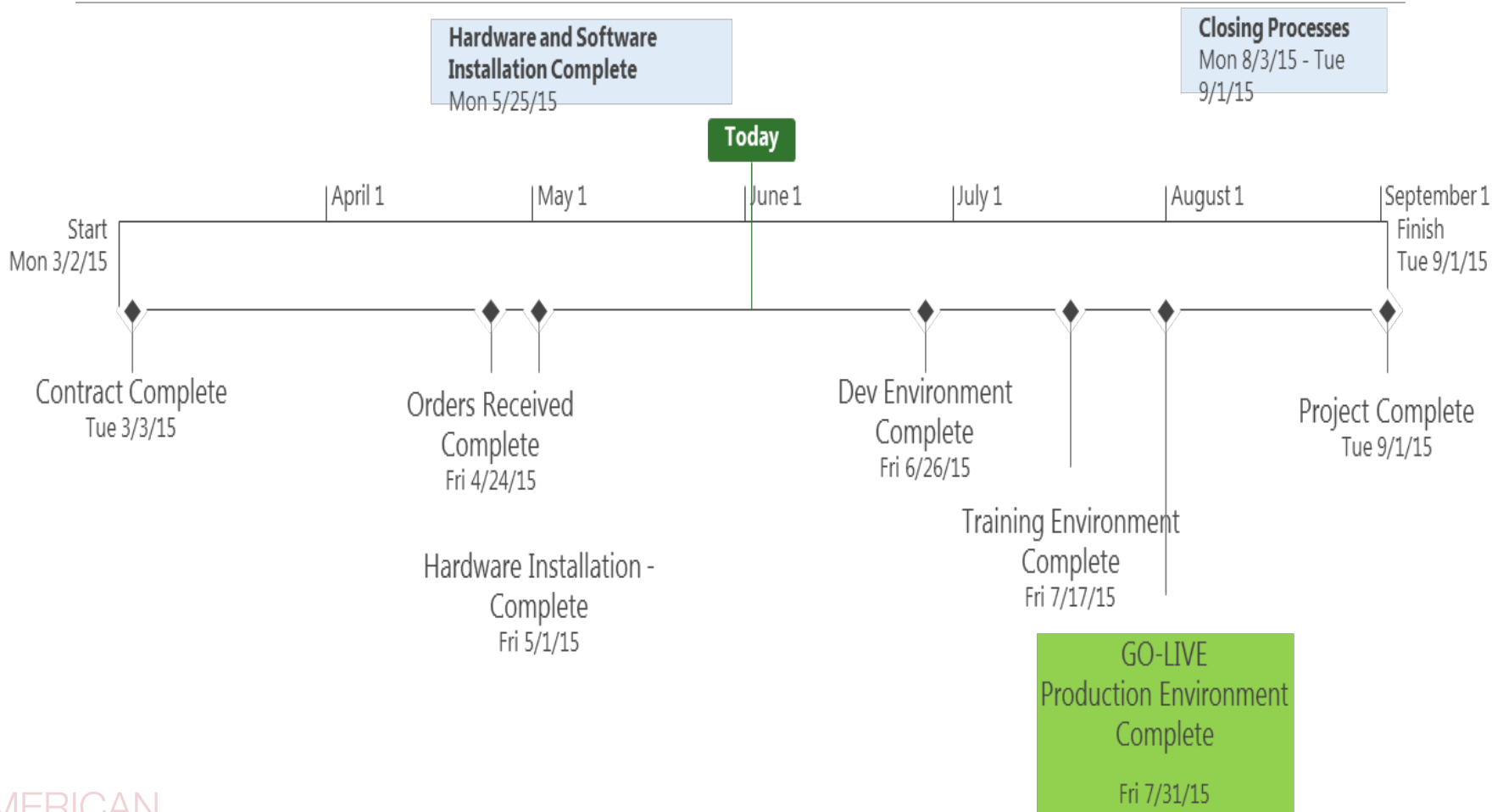
# Hardware Refresh –March-July 2015

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- Internal and 2015 Oracle SME review of current database environment
- Project Manager and business analyst/staff augmentation
- State of the art equipment/network security (including F5 and Palo Alto firewalls, F5-5250, DMZ)
- Two identical sites (primary and failover; multiple servers with clusters; Oracle data guard)
- Over 86 terabytes of storage at each site
- Configurable for scalability and future growth
- Robustness/enhancement to support FVRS through 2016
- **Status:**
  - Completed hardware install
  - Currently configuring 5 environments: pilot, development, test, training, production
  - Over 45% complete towards meeting July 31, 2015 deadline



# Hardware Rewrite





# Software Rewrite –April 2015-October 2017

- In progress: discovery(document gathering/research) to baseline FVRS future needs
- Conduct stakeholder/interested party meetings including:
  - Supervisors of Elections (including FSASE has already established specific OVR Implementation Oversight Committee' and county IT staff)
  - External vendor support
  - DHSMV and tax collectors
  - Law enforcement agencies (FDLE, FDOC, US Atty Offices)
  - Florida Department of Corrections
  - Clerks of Court
- Conduct “ethical hacking” and “penetration testing” before new rewritten system launches
- **Status:**
  - Project Management Professional on board
  - Early stage of discovery



# Online Voter Registration Application System

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- Project will be “baked” into FVRS software/program rewrite
- Legislative appropriation: \$1.8 million
- Requirements:
  - Online voter registration application system -with DLs or state ID #s that that can be DHSMV verified
  - Prefillable/downloadable option for others
  - Legislative report due January 1, 2016 on plan, progress and any legislative substantive or budgetary needs
  - Pre-launch risk assessment and every 2 years thereafter
  - Secure access/secure verification against DHSMV records
  - Immediate electronic confirmation of application receipt
  - Accessibility compliance
  - Launch by October 1, 2017



# Aspects to consider for FVRS rewrite

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- Secure access/secure defense to external or mal intent
- Cybersecurity (including risk assessments)
- System robustness and reliability
- Redundancy/backup/ failover
- Procedural uniformity
- Data standardization
- Documentation (procedures, program codes, functions – preferably following ISO standards)
- Intra- and interoperability (Internal, external, transactional)
- Synchronization
- Quality control requirements
- System health checks
- Automated/manual processes (refinements/revisions/new)
- Timing of scheduled external interface data and file exchange and transfers



# Aspects to consider for Rewrite (cont'd)

- Data matching criteria (review/refine)
- System ability to generate reports
- Audit reporting capability
- Searchability
- Data accessibility (public access and to respond to public record)
- Address/informational exemption – process, uniformity, redaction
- Storage capacity (images/files)
- Scanning (capability, minimum requirements)
- Signature images (quality/quantity, scanning, storage,)
- Accessibility and minority language availability for OVR user
- System's future growth (functionality/load capacity)
- Paper reduction
- Opportunity for increased efficiencies and speed in process
- Rulemaking (revisions/new)
- Records retention schedule (existing and new items)



# What's Ahead for Us, For You

- FVRS OVR FVRS OVR FVRS OVR FVRS OVR FVRS OVR FVRS OVR FVRS  
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- Continuous internal office review of procedures, forms, publications—substantive and administrative
- Ongoing review of public records -management, retention, storage and disposition
- Establishing blueprint for election administration for 2016 election cycle including but not limited to:
  - Statewide travel to counties before 2016 PPP and before 2016 PE
  - Monthly teleconference calls
  - Conduct of elections – Municipal/Local Elections, Presidential Preference Primary Elections, Primary and General Elections, Special





# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION REQUEST

(Form DOS-119; Rev. 06/2015)

Florida law allows certain persons to request that an agency not publicly disclose specific identification and/or location information contained in any of its agency records. Please refer to sections 119.071 (2)(j), (4)(d) and (5)(i), 265.605, and 267.17, Fla. Stat., or other applicable statute for scope of protection which may include home address, phone numbers, photos, name of spouse and/or children, and their place of employment, and/or school or daycare care facility, date of birth.

**To request the exemption for records in our agency, please complete the form and return to: Secretary of State, c/o Public Records Custodian Director, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. For more information, contact 850-245-6536.**

**To request that the exemption extend to your spouse and/or children** (not applicable for donor\* or victim\* of battery, abuse, harassment, or stalking) please submit a separate sheet with the name, date of birth, and relationship for purposes of identifying them in any public records within the custody of the agency. (If you have attached supplemental pages, check here ☐)

In order to process this request for any of your records that may be in the Division of Corporations, please complete the Addendum for Exemption of Public Disclosure. (Otherwise, check here for **Not Applicable:** ☐)

You will be contacted if the information you provide is insufficient to identify you distinctly from someone else similarly named in the records.

**I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category for which you and/or the person(s) named below are eligible):**

- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement Officer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge - district court of appeal, circuit court and county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Tax Collector †                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general and special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officer) †                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation-investigators and inspectors†                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I and II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, and social services counselor of the Dept. of Juvenile Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement personnel including correctional officers and correctional probation officers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, assistant statewide prosecutor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Department of Health † | <input type="checkbox"/> Public defenders and criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders, assistant criminal conflict and assistant civil regional counsel)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Servicemembers who served in armed forces, reserve forces, and National Guard after 9/11/2001†                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor or prospective donor,* Cultural Endowment Program Trust Fund, Citizen Support Organizations or National, Historic Landmarks (publicly owned houses)                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge and U.S. magistrate †                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim* of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery or domestic violence [Attach official verification that crime occurred. 5-year exemption. Contact Attorney General's Office (850-414-3990) about eligibility for separate Address Confidentiality Program [See s. 741.465, Fla. Stat]                                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian ad litem†                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list applicable statute): _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, assistant director, manager or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district (whose duties include hiring and firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or other personnel-related duties)                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired practitioner consultants whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession †                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

If employing agency makes request for the employee, add agency name, agency requester's name and title to the signature line.

†For specific category selected, person certifies, by signature herein, that he or she has made reasonable efforts to protect information from being publicly accessible.

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**ADDENDUM FOR EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
ONLY FOR DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS RECORDS**

Before the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations can act on your request; we need the following additional information from you:

1. We need the complete home address that is to be redacted:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you now or have you ever been listed on the Division of Corporations' records as:

- |                                                                 |                              |                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. an officer or director of a corporation?                     | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. a managing member or manager of a limited liability company? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. a general partner in a limited partnership?                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. an owner of a fictitious name?                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. a partner in a general partnership?                          | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. a notary?                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. an owner of a trademark registration                         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Have you ever had a judgment lien filed against you that would have been filed in this office after October 1, 2001 Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered "Yes" to one or more of the questions, we ask you provide the name of the entity, registration or filing and an alternate address that can replace the one we currently have in our records. We cannot have a record with a missing address.

Name/Names of entity or registration:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate address to replace the one current on our records:

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Please return this addendum with the **Public Records Exemption Request** form.  
For question concerning this addendum, call 850-245-6862.



7 of 7 – 7 attachments.

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*Please note our new address is on Enterprise Avenue!*

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**Subject:** Updated SOE Guide to Reports  
**Attachment(s):** "SOE Guide to Reports 07 2016.docx"

Dear Supervisors:

FYI -- Attached is a recently updated *Supervisor of Elections' Guide to the Division of Elections – Reports, Downloads, and Uploads*. It soon will be posted on the Division's [SOE Website](#) (center, top of page). Please share with your appropriate staff members.

*Regards,*

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## SOE Portal and File Transfer Utility Instructions

**NOTE:** Several reports contained in this publication require that you either obtain files from, or upload files to, by electronic file transfer via the SOE File Transfer Utility on the SOE Portal. The instructions below will guide you through these processes. If you are unable to access the File Transfer Utility or the SOE Portal in general, please contact your county security manager.

### Upload Instructions:

- (1) Go to the website for the SOE Portal: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>
- (2) Enter your Windows Live ID and password in order to access the application.
- (3) Select the “File Transfer Utility” option.
- (4) Prepare file for upload. The file naming convention via Windows Live ID must be in the following format: *CountyAbbrDateStamp\_FileType.extension*. The *CountyAbbr* is the state assigned 3 character county code. The *DateStamp*, formatted YYYYMMDD, is the date the data contained in the file becomes effective. The *FileType* describes the file’s contents.

**For example:** ALA20120129\_SecProc.docx - “ALA” is the county abbreviation (in this case, Alachua); “20120129” is the date, January 29, 2012; “\_SecProc” is the file type description (in this case, County Security Procedures); “.docx” is the file extension (such as, .doc, .txt, .zip, etc.). All the elements in the file name preceding and including the underscore (“\_”) are required; **the file will not upload properly without these elements.**

- (5) Upload File: Large files can take a while to upload, so please be patient. You will receive a message that the file has been uploaded to blob storage when the upload is complete.

### Download Instructions:

- (1) Go to the website <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>.
- (2) Enter your Windows Live ID and password in order to access the application.
- (3) Select the “File Transfer Utility” option.
- (4) Select “Manage Files” option.
- (5) Select the file(s) you wish to download for processing.



## **Section 1: Daily Reports**



## Supervisors of Elections' Accounting of Third-Party Voter Registration Organization's Voter Registration Applications

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| References:           | <a href="#">Section 97.0575, F.S.</a><br><br><a href="#">Rule 1S-2.042, F.A.C.</a> <b>Note: Rule takes precedence over statute because of court case.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Compliance:           | <p>The Division of Elections (Division) shall maintain a publicly available and current database of all third-party voter registration organizations (3PVROs) and the voter registration forms assigned to the 3PVRO.</p> <p>Each Supervisor of Elections (SOE) shall provide to the division information on voter registration forms assigned to and received from 3PVROs. The information must be provided in a format and at times as required by the division by rule.</p> |
| Purpose:              | To ensure the integrity of the registration process, including timely submission of registration forms and accountability of applications forms distributed to and returned by 3PVROs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Record Retention:     | For SOEs, retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost. <a href="#">General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies</a> , Item #124 (Operational and Statistical Report Records). For the Division of Elections: Retained for 2 anniversary years from date of the record. (#000398-0001a)                                                                                                                                       |
| Form(s) to be Used:   | <a href="#">DS-DE 124 – Supervisors of Elections' Accounting of 3PVRO Applications</a><br><a href="#">DS-DE 148 –Supervisor of Elections' (SOE) Transmittal Form – Third-Party Voter Registration Organizations (3PVRO) Noncompliance</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Submission Date:      | By noon, each day. If the SOE's office is closed on the day a report is due, the supervisor or designee shall submit the report for the preceding business day on the next business day the office is open. Pursuant to Rule 1S-2.042, the DS-DE 124 is not required to be submitted if the SOE did not provide applications to, or receive any from, a 3PVRO on the preceding business day.                                                                                   |
| Submission Method:    | Email (preferred): <a href="mailto:3PVRO@DOS.MyFlorida.com">3PVRO@DOS.MyFlorida.com</a> ; or Fax: 850-245-6291                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Division Contact:     | Bureau of Voter Registration Services at 850-245-6290                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Instructions for SOE: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. By noon each day, complete form <a href="#">DS-DE 124</a> recording the number of state and federal voter registration applications provided to, and the number of state and federal blank and non-blank applications received from, each 3PVRO the previous day.</li><li>2. Send the form to the Division of Elections as an email attachment in .pdf format or by fax.</li></ol>                                                    |



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3. To comply with Rule 1S-2.042(8)(c), F.A.C., you may report noncompliance by an individual or organization with the 3PVRO rule by completing and submitting form [DS-DE 148](#) to the Division of Elections.



## **Section 2: Pre-Election Reports**



## Ballot Certification

**References:** [Section 99.061, F.S.](#)

**Compliance:** For the Department of State to certify to the supervisors the names of all duly qualified federal, statewide, multicounty, and district candidates who have qualified with the Department and are to appear on the ballot.

**Purpose:** To ensure uniform compliance with ballot layout.

**Record Retention:** No applicable retention schedule established to date

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Date:** 7 days after the closing date for qualifying.

**Retrieval Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Election Records at 850-245-6280

### Instructions for SOE:

1. Sign into the SOE Administrative Services portal using your Windows Live ID: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>
2. Click on the **File Transfer Utility** application link
3. Click on the **Ballot Certification** menu item
4. Select your county
5. Certifications are descending in order by date
6. Click on the appropriate PDF in the **View/Save File** column



## Candidate Lists

**References:** [Section 99.092, F.S.](#)

[Section 102.151, F.S.](#)

**Compliance:** Supervisors of Elections (SOEs) or designees update the electronic DS-DE 80 immediately after the close of qualifying.

**Purpose:** To allow the Division of Elections (Division) to update the commissioned officer-holder database and issue commissions to those candidates elected to office.

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Record Retention:** For SOEs, retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost. (Item #15, [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#)).

For the Division, 10 anniversary years, then transfer to State Archives Internal Schedule #000382-0001a.

**Submission Date:** Immediately after the close of the last qualifying period. The database will be updated immediately after.

**Submission Method:** SOE Portal: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Election Records at 850-245-6280

**Instructions:**

1. Sign into the SOE Administrative Services portal using your Windows Live ID: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>
2. Click on the **Local Candidates** menu item.
3. User Guide available in the program.



## Candidate Petition Certifications

**References:** [Section 99.095, F.S.](#)

[Rule 1S-2.045, F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** Certifications for candidates for federal, state, multicounty district, or multicounty special district office shall be submitted to the Division of Elections (Division) no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of the qualifying period for the office sought. The Division shall determine whether the required number of signatures has been obtained and shall notify the candidate.

**Purpose:** To enable the Division to determine whether a candidate has obtained the required number of signatures to qualify by the petition method.

**Record Retention:** For SOEs: 22 months after certification of election; [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#); (item #60). For the Division: 4 anniversary years after election (Internal Schedule, Item 000082-0001a).

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Date:** No later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of qualifying for the office sought.

**Submission Method:** SOE Portal: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>  
**Candidate petition certifications submitted by mail, email, or fax will not be accepted.**

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Election Records at 850-245-6280

**Instructions:**

1. Sign into the SOE Administrative Services portal using your Windows Live ID: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>
2. Click on the Candidate Petitions menu item
3. User Guide available in the program.



## Contest Codes

**References:** N/A

**Compliance:** N/A

**Purpose:** The objective is to use a contest code to identify the presidential candidate for nomination race for the Presidential Preference Primary Election and for each statewide race for Primary and General Elections so that election night results from all 67 counties can be readily consolidated. In addition, the contest code is used when creating the precinct-level election results file. The contest code is 6-digits.

**Record Retention:** Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost.

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Date:** N/A

**Submission Method:** SOE Portal: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

**Division Contact:** Janet Modrow at [Janet.Modrow@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Janet.Modrow@dos.myflorida.com)

**Instructions:**

1. Sign into the SOE Administrative Services portal using your Windows Live ID: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>
2. On the portal home page, click on the **Enight SOE** link to access the application.
3. On the portal home page, click on the **User Guide** link for Enight SOE detailed instructions and go to the **Contest Codes** section.



## County Vote-by-Mail (Absentee) Ballot Request Files

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| <b>References:</b>         | <a href="#">Section 101.62(3)</a> , F.S.<br><a href="#">Rule 1S-2.043</a> , F.A.C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | Supervisors of Elections (SOEs) must gather vote-by-mail ballot request information and make such information available at the county level to statutorily authorized persons and entities and concurrently upload daily reports to the Division during a prescribed period before and after an election.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | To provide the following statutorily authorized entities and persons access to information about voters who request and vote vote-by-mail ballots in order to conduct campaign outreach or perform official duties: a canvassing board, an election official, a political party official, a candidate who has filed qualification papers and is opposed in an upcoming election, a registered political committee, or a registered committee of continuous existence, for political purposes only. A voter is only entitled to request his or her own vote-by-mail ballot request information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | For SOEs: 3 months after certification of election ( <a href="#">General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records, item #137</a> ). For the Division: 4 calendar years after the General Election in the year received (internal schedule, item #000277-0001a).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | For file specifications, refer to <a href="#">DS-DE 145 –Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Information File Layout</a> . For county level access to reports, the SOE may develop own form or use statewide form. For the public's state-level access to reports, <a href="#">Form DS-DE 146 – Application to Obtain Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Information</a> must be used. <b>Supervisors must use the separate County Ballot (Early Voting/Vote-by-Mail) program application and instructions on the secure <a href="#">SOE Portal</a> for access, information, management, and verification of reports.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | <p>For Presidential Preference Primary Election (PPP): No later than 8 a.m. daily, including weekends, beginning 60 days before PPP until 15 days thereafter.</p> <p>For a primary and general election: No later than 8 a.m. daily, including weekends, beginning 60 days before the primary election until 15 days after the general election.</p> <p>For a special election, by operation of Section 100.191, F.S., the first file shall be transmitted 60 days before the special primary or if the order calling for the special election occurs less than 60 days before the special primary, no later than two business days after the Division provides the SOE the election identifications for the special primary and special election. The last file must be transmitted on the 15th day after the special election.</p> |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | By electronic file transfer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Bureau of Voter Registration Services at 850-245-6290                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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**Instructions:**

Follow the detailed instructions in Rule 1S-2.043 and file layout specified in the [DS-DE 145 – Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Information File Layout](#).



## County Early Voting Summary and Detail Files

**References:** [Section 101.657, F.S.](#)

[Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** Supervisors of Elections (SOEs) are to maintain at the county level and through concurrent daily electronic file uploads to the Division of Elections report detailed statistics about who voted early and where for the previous day's activities for each voting site.

The Division posts the reports directly on its website during the required reporting period and keeps them posted through a limited period after the election cycle.

**Purpose:** To provide the public including the voter, media, candidates and political entities information as to who has voted early and at what location.

**Record Retention:** For SOEs: 3 months after certification of election ([General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#), Item #145).

For the Division: Four calendar years after the General Election year in which received. (DOS Internal schedule, item #000374-0001a).

**Form(s) to be Used:** [DS-DE 147 – Early Voting Voters List File Layout](#)

**Submission Date:** Daily, no later than noon, beginning with the day after early voting starts and ending the day after the last scheduled date for early voting.

**Submission Method:** By electronic file transfer. Supervisors must use the separate County Ballot (Early Voting/Vote-by-Mail) program application and instructions found on the secure [SOE Portal](#) for access, information, management, and verification of reports.

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voter Registration Services at 850-245-6290

**Instructions:** Follow the detailed instructions in Rule 1S-2.043 and file layout specified in the DS-DE 147.



## County Minimum Security Procedures (new and revisions)

**References:** [Section 101.015\(4\)\(b\) and \(c\), F.S.](#)

[Rule 1S-2.015\(3\), F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** Each Supervisor of Elections (SOE) shall establish written procedures for the accuracy and security in the county for their facilities, voting system and voting process, including procedures related to early voting pursuant to Section 101.657, F.S.

The Division of Elections' Bureau of Voting Systems Certification (BVSC) is required to review the procedures during odd-numbered years or to conduct a review at any time there are changes in the procedures. After its review, BVSC provides a checklist of acceptable or unacceptable items. With the exception of any information having to do with a facility's security, the county procedures are public records, as prescribed under Section 119.071(3), F.S.

**Purpose:** To ensure that the county establishes and adheres to minimum requirements for the accuracy and security of the ballots, voting system, and facilities.

**Record Retention:** For SOEs: 2 anniversary years after superseded. ([General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#), Item# 164).

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Date:** 1. Before any change is going to be used or applied in an upcoming election - this will typically occur whenever the county implements a new voting system or makes a change to the current voting system, implements a new procedure and changes an old procedure previously addressed in the county's filed county procedures.

2. No later than 45 days before early voting commences when there is a revision to the county's security procedure or within the 45 days as a result of an emergency situation or other unforeseen circumstance.

**Submission Method:** SOE Portal: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.

**Instructions:** Either create a new security procedure or revise an existing security procedure in the county's desired format. If the change is not a complete change to the procedures on file, then submit revisions to the Division of Elections, accompanied by a statement describing which part of the procedures previously filed have been revised. Otherwise, substitute in its entirety the complete security procedures and submit as addressed in the previous section titled "County Security Procedures".

Details regarding the procedures can be found in [Rule 1S-2.015](#). Submit using the SOE File Transfer Utility.



## Early Voting Dates, Times, and Locations

**References:** [Section 101.657, F.S.](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) is required to submit to the Division of Elections (Division) no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before an election the address of each early voting site and the days/hours that early voting will occur at each site.

The Division posts a compiled statewide list on its website within 1-2 days after the deadline.

**Purpose:** To provide voters and other interested parties at the county and statewide level with early voting dates, times, and locations.

**Record Retention:** For SOEs: 3 months after certification of election ([General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records, item #145](#)). For the Division: Four calendar years after the General Election year in which received. (DOS Internal Record Retention Schedule, item #000374-0001a)

**Form(s) to be Used:** [Submit the data using PEW's Voting Information Project Early Voting tool, located at http://vipupload.electiongeek.org/login/?url=earlyvoting](#)

**Submission Date:** No later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before an election and provide updates as necessary to ensure that the statewide compiled list of EV sites, dates and hours is accurate and current.

**Submission Method:** [Online via VIP tool](#)

**Division Contact:** Director's Office at 850-245-6200

**Instructions:**

- 1) Log into the VIP website at <http://vipupload.electiongeek.org/login/?url=earlyvoting>
- 2) Enter your county's early voting locations and the schedule for early voting at each location
- 3) Finalize your submission
- 4) Optionally, you may also download a copy of your submitted data using the Download Data button

For further details, see <https://soe.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/VIP-FL.June2016.pdf>



## Election Night Reporting Preparation

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| <b>References:</b>         | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | All counties must upload election results files prior to each election as test preparation for reporting as indicated in Section 102.141(4), F.S.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | To prepare and test county election night reporting files with the Division of Elections' files for compatibility and accuracy before each election.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost once election night preliminary returns and other returns are generated and uploaded                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | After the logic and accuracy test (L&A) is complete. (Note: A public L&A is required to be conducted within the 10-day period preceding the start of early voting in the respective county. See section <a href="#">101.5612, F.S.</a> )                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | SOE Portal - <a href="https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/">https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Bureau of Voter Registration Services at 850-245-6290                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sign into the SOE Administrative Services portal using your Windows Live ID:<br/><a href="https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/">https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/</a></li><li>2. Click on the <b>Enight SOE</b> link to access the application.</li><li>3. Click on the <b>User Guide</b> link for detailed instructions.</li></ol> |



## Election Parameter Statement\*

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| <b>References:</b>         | <a href="#">Rule 1S-2.015(5)(f)5., F.A.C.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | The Supervisor of Elections or his/her designee must provide a copy of the "Election Parameter Statement" signed by an individual or entity who is creating an election definition when an election definition is not created by a Supervisor of Elections employee.                                                                               |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | To ensure that the election is properly coded according to specified procedures for the certified system when the election definition is created by someone other than an SOE employee.                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | <a href="#">General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records</a><br>Federal Elections Item #146: 22 months after certification of the last election in which the election parameters were used.<br><br>State and Local Elections Item #147: 1 anniversary year after certification of the last election in which the election parameters were used. |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | <a href="#">DS-DE 132 – Election Parameter Statement*</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | Within 24 hours after <u>any</u> logic and accuracy (L&A test). (Note: A public L&A is required to be conducted within the 10-day period preceding the start of early voting in the respective county. See s. <a href="#">101.5612, F.S.</a> )                                                                                                     |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE portal:<br><a href="https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/">https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/</a><br><br>If utility is unavailable, submit by:<br>Email: <a href="mailto:BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com">BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com</a>                        |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | Complete the DS-DE 132 Election Parameter Statement and submit via SOE File Transfer Utility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

\*Effective 4/1/2016, the statement will be referred to as Election Coding Statement, [DS-DE 132](#).



## Election Preparation Report

**References:** [Section 100.032, Florida Statutes](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) or his/her designee must prepare and post on his or her official website an election report which outlines preparations for the upcoming general election.

**Purpose:** To provide information on preparations for the upcoming general election.

**Record Retention:** No applicable retention schedule established to date.

**Form(s) to be Used:** No specified format or form (samples available from other SOEs).

**Submission Date:** At least 3 months before a general election

**Submission Method:** Report must be posted to Supervisor's website. Do not send the report to the Division of Elections (Division)

**Division Contact:** N/A

**Instructions:**

1. Prepare report that must include at a minimum, the following elements: the anticipated staffing levels during the early voting period, on election day and after election day; and the anticipated amount of automatic tabulating equipment at each early voting site and polling place
2. Post the report on SOE's official website at least 3 months before a general election.



## Initiative Petition Certification for Ballot Placement

**References:** [Section 100.371\(1\), F.S.](#)

[1S-2.0091, F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** Constitutional amendments proposed by initiative shall be placed on the ballot for the General Election, provided the initiative petition has been filed with the Secretary of State no later than February 1 of the year the General Election is held. A petition shall be deemed to be filed with the Secretary of State upon the date the secretary determines that valid and verified petition forms have been signed by the constitutionally required number and distribution of electors under this code.

**Purpose:** An initiative petition is placed on the ballot once the Secretary of State determines that valid and verified petition forms have been signed by the constitutionally required number and distribution of electors.

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records:](#)

[Unballoted – Item #101:](#) Retain until notification from the Division of Elections that the sponsoring committee that circulated the petition is no longer seeking to obtain ballot position

[Balloted – Item #121:](#) 1 anniversary year following the election in which the issue appeared on the ballot

**Form(s) to be Used:** [DS-DE 144 – Initiative Petition Certification Form](#)

**Submission Date:** Forms must be received by 5:00 P.M (Eastern Time), February 1 of the General Election year.

**Submission Method:** Mail: Director's Office, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Email or Fax can be used in order to meet initial submission deadline.**

Email: [alexander.mosca@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:alexander.mosca@dos.myflorida.com) or Fax: 850-245-6217

**Division Contact:** Director's Office at 850-245-6200

**Instructions:** Complete the DS-DE 144 electronically, print the document, sign, and mail the original to the address above. **An electronic copy may be sent as long as it is promptly followed by the signed original.**



## Initiative Petition Report - Votes Cast by Congressional District in Presidential Election

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| <b>References:</b>         | Article XI, Section 3, Florida Constitution:<br><a href="http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?Mode=Constitution&amp;Submenu=3&amp;Tab=statutes&amp;CFID=232744346&amp;CFTOKEN=19543759#A11">http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?Mode=Constitution&amp;Submenu=3&amp;Tab=statutes&amp;CFID=232744346&amp;CFTOKEN=19543759#A11</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | <p>The power to propose the revision or amendment of any portion or portions of this constitution by initiative is reserved to the people, provided that, any such revision or amendment, except for those limiting the power of government to raise revenue, shall embrace but one subject and matter directly connected therewith. It may be invoked by filing with the custodian of state records a petition containing a copy of the proposed revision or amendment, signed by a number of electors in each of one half of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen.</p> <p>The Division of Elections (Division) will generate the number of votes cast in each congressional district by county based on the official voting history submitted by the Supervisors of Elections pursuant to section <a href="#">98.0981</a>(1), F.S., after the general election.</p> |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | To obtain the amount of signatures required to have an initiative petition placed on the ballot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | To be determined.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | N/A*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | By mid-December of the General Election year. This information is gathered after every general election in a presidential election year - once every four years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | Email to <a href="mailto:DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com">DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com</a> after receiving initial email from the Division (see Instructions, below).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Director's Office at 850-245-6200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | The SOE will certify via email to the Division the accuracy of the generated total number of votes cast in the county as a whole and broken down by congressional district as such numbers are made available before finalization.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

\*The automated process replaces the previous process in which a form was emailed to the Supervisor of Elections for manual input and submission.



## Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Test - Election Database Backup

**References:** [Section 101.5607\(1\)\(b\), F.S.](#)

[Rule 1S-2.015\(5\)\(f\)2. and 3., F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections or designee must provide a copy of the election definition to the Division of Elections' Bureau of Voting Systems Certification (BVSC), within 24 hours after any Logic and Accuracy (L&A) test.

**Purpose:** To preserve the election definition (*i.e.*, tabulation program, administrative database, and election parameters, *a.k.a.* election database backup). The election database definition represents the version that the Supervisor of Elections publicly tested in accordance with Section [101.5612](#), F.S.

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#)

Federal Elections Item #146: 22 months after certification of the last election in which used.

State and Local Elections Item #147: 1 anniversary year after certification of the last election in which used.

**Forms(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Date:** Within 24 hours after any logic and accuracy (L&A test). (Note: A public L&A is required to be conducted within the 10-day period preceding the start of early voting in the respective county. See s. [101.5612, F.S.](#))

**Submission Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal:  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

If utility is unavailable, submit by:

Certified Mail: Bureau of Voting Systems Certification; R.A. Gray  
Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.

**Instructions:** Create the voting system's election database backup and its password, if applicable, and provide the backup copy or use an electronic transfer upload to the Department of State or, if unavailable, provide via certified mail.



## Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Test - Summary Results

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| <b>References:</b>         | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | The Supervisor of Elections or designee provides an electronic export summary file to the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification within 24 hours after a public Logic and Accuracy (L&A) test.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | To prepare for a statewide Primary or General Election by proactively ensuring that there are no known problems with the county's election night summary results (export) file that is to be uploaded to the Department of State. The L&A export summary file allows the department to map the county's summary results from different voting systems and to upload the results to the department's website.                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | <p><a href="#">General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records</a></p> <p>Federal Elections Item #146: 22 months after certification of the last election in which generated used.</p> <p>State and Local Elections Item #147: 1 anniversary year after certification of the last election in which generated.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | Within 24 hours after the public L&A test for a Primary or General statewide election. (Note: A public L&A is required to be conducted within the 10-day period preceding the start of early voting in the respective county. See s. <a href="#">101.5612, F.S.</a> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | <p>SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal:<br/><a href="https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/">https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/</a></p> <p>If utility is unavailable, submit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Email: <a href="mailto:BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com">BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com</a>; or</li><li>• Mail: Bureau of Voting Systems Certification; R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250</li></ul> |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | Create the export file from the applicable voting system. For report instructions specific to the county's voting system, please refer to the Florida Overview Manual that accompanies your voting system's install disks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



## Request for Mail Ballot Election

**References:** [Sections 101.6102, F.S.](#)

[Guidelines for Mail Ballot Elections \(DE Reference Guide 0015\)](#)

**Compliance:** In order to hold a mail ballot election, a Supervisor of Elections must submit a request to the Secretary of State via the Division of Elections. After receipt of a request, the division will review the request to ensure the following requirements are met: (1) Request is for referendum only (no candidates); (2) The election is being held in a single county, a city, a school district covering no more than one county, a special district, or is an annexation election; (3) There is not an election being held on the same day in which the same voters are eligible to vote; (4) The supervisor is responsible for conducting the election; (5) The supervisor has provided consideration that ballots are received by overseas voters in a timely manner that will allow the voted ballot to be returned by 7:00 p.m. on election day; (6) The cost of the election is covered by the jurisdiction initiating the election; (7) A written plan that includes: (a) The name of the governing body responsible for calling the election, (b) The name of the election administration for the governing body, (c) The type of election, (d) Written timeline which includes, but is not limited to: i. Date of election, ii. Date ballots mailed (10-20 days before an election), iii. Notice of election date, iv. Book closing date, and v. Logic and Accuracy (L&A) testing date.

**Purpose:** To ensure standardized compliance with mail ballot elections.

**Record Retention:** 1 anniversary year after certification of the election applicable to the request; Item #167, [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records, and](#) DOS Internal Schedule and Item # 000364-0001a.

**Form(s) to be Used:** Follow [Guidelines for Mail Ballot Elections \(DE Reference Guide 0015\)](#)

**Submission Date:** Before conducting a mail ballot election.

**Submission Method:** Email: [DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com); or  
Mail: Director's Office, Division of Elections, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** Director's Office at 850-245-6200

**Instructions:** Submit to the Secretary of State via the Division of Elections, a written plan to include a written timetable for the conduct of the election. After receipt of request, the Division will review the request and, if approved, will respond to the request with an approval letter.



## UOCAVA Ballots 45-Day Compliance Report

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| <b>References:</b>         | Requested by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) as part of its enforcement and monitoring duties under Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act ( <a href="#">UOCAVA</a> ) and Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment ( <a href="#">MOVE</a> ) Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | <p>Each Supervisor of Elections (SOE) must report for his or her respective county whether he or she has timely sent vote-by-mail ballots to UOCAVA voters by the requisite deadline of 45-days before a federal election including the Presidential Preference Primary, Primary and General Election, and include the number of ballots sent, and state reasons and resolution if the ballot(s) could not be sent timely. Blank ballots may be mailed, emailed, faxed or online delivered as requested by the voter.</p> <p>The Division of Elections (Division) must report statewide compliance to the U.S. DOJ no later than 43 days before a federal election.</p> |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | To ensure that State complies with federal law to send out vote-by-mail ballots no later than the 45 days before a federal election to UOCAVA is defined as overseas and absent stateside military and overseas civilian U.S. citizens. Florida's law also requires these ballots to be sent no later than 45 days before a federal election.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | No retention schedule established to date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | SOE Reports Application on SOE Portal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | Report to the Division no later than 9 am, of the 43rd day prior to the election compliance with the 45-day deadline to send vote-by-mail ballots to UOCAVA voters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | <a href="#">SOE Portal</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Director's Office at 850-245-6200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sign into the SOE portal website using your Windows Live ID: <a href="https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/">https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/</a></li><li>2. Follow the instructions in the SOE Reports User Guide for the UOCAVA Report: <a href="http://soe.dos.state.fl.us/manuals/SoeReports.pdf">http://soe.dos.state.fl.us/manuals/SoeReports.pdf</a></li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



## Precinct Designations and Polling Place Locations

**References:** [Section 101.001, F.S.](#)

**Compliance:** Supervisor of Elections shall provide data on all precincts in the county associated with the most recent census blocks within each precinct to the Department of State.

The location of polling places and the associated precincts shall be documented and (b) specifies any changes in the county precinct data shall be provided to the department within 10 days after a change.

Precinct data shall include all precincts for which precinct-level election results and voting history results are reported.

All data shall be provided electronically in the specified format utilizing the SOE Upload Utility.

**Purpose:** A uniform electronic format is required to submit and compile data.

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records:\\*](#)

For federal elections; 22 months after certification of elections; Item #151,

For state and location elections: 1 anniversary year after certification of election, item #152.

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Info:** File types and formats, file conventions, and record layouts are provided in [Precinct Designation and Polling Place Location Instructions](#).

**Submission Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on the [SOE Portal](#)  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

**Division Contact:** Director's Office at 850-245-6200

**Instructions:** Follow the instructions given in the Precinct Designations and Polling Place Locations Instructions to generate and submit the files.

\*Distinction: Precinct boundary records and maps must be retained permanently and are governed by Item #69.



## Voting System Acquisition Report

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| <b>References:</b>         | <a href="#">Section 101.5607(1)(a), F.S.:</a><br><a href="#">Rule 1S-2.015(5)(f)1. and 4., F.A.C.:</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) must submit to the Division of Elections (Division) an acquisition form whenever the county acquires a new voting system or there is a change to the voting system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To maintain a documented record of the certified voting systems in use and for the SOE to verify when an install has been done and what has been installed on a county's voting system. [Note: When the Division's Bureau of Voting System Certification (BVSC) issues a certification for a system (new or upgrade), BVSC sends an installation package to the counties which includes the voting system acquisition forms. BVSC also retains a copy of the program codes (install disks) and user/operator manuals from the vendor.]</li><li>2. To allow BVSC to provide technical assistance based on the county's verified system in use and to maintain a list online of each county's approved voting system at: <a href="http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/voting-systems/certified-voting-systems-and-vendors/">http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/voting-systems/certified-voting-systems-and-vendors/</a>]</li></ol> |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | For SOEs: 1 anniversary year after report of superseding acquisition report is filed; Item #159, <a href="#">General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records</a><br><br>For Division: 24 months after subsequent update or new system implemented, DOS Internal Retention Schedule, Item # 000387-0001a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | BVSC provides the voting system acquisition forms as part of the install disk package forwarded to the county. The acquisition forms consist of two items:<br>1. Form to identify the old and new voting system, date of the implementation and total number of voting equipment involved. 2. A checklist for the verified installation of a certified voting system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | As soon after the county implements a new or makes a change to a voting system or makes a change to their current voting system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | SOE File Transfer Utility on the SOE Portal:<br><a href="https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/">https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/</a><br><br>If utility unavailable, then submit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Email: <a href="mailto:BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com">BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com</a>; or</li><li>• Mail: Bureau of Voting Systems Certification; R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | Complete the acquisition forms and submit using the SOE File Transfer Utility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



## **Section 3: Election Night Reports**



## Export Summary Results File

**References:** [Section 102.141\(4\)\(b\), F.S.\\*](#)

**Compliance:** Provide a copy of the summary file to the Department of State website after polls close within 30 minutes and report every 45 minutes thereafter until completing upload of unofficial results pursuant to Section 102.141(4)(b), F.S.

**Purpose:** To provide each county's election results summary to the Department of State for statewide Presidential Preference Primary, Primary, and General Election consolidation.

**Record Retention:** 22 months after certification of election (*Agencies should ensure appropriate preservation of records determined to have long-term historical value*); Item #100; [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#)

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Date:** Election Night

**Submission Method:** SOE Portal - Election Night Reporting Application  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voter Registration Services at 850-245-6290

### Instructions:

1. Go to the SOE Portal website which will first take you to the Windows Live web site where you will need to enter your Windows Live ID and password in order to access the application:  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>
2. You must upload your files on the **Update Election** information page and they can be viewed on the **County Results** page. As items are completed on Election Night, check the various boxes on the **Update Election** information page (file history and turnout data are also shown on this page).

\*New summary elections results file format/specifications will take effect in July 2017. SOEs may comply in advance of the effective date. See [Rule 1S-2.053\(3\)](#), F.A.C. (eff. July 2017)



## **Section 4: Post-Election Reports**



## Conduct of Election

**References:** [Section 102.141\(9\)\(a\) and \(b\), F.S.](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) or designee is required to submit a conduct of election report to the Division of Elections' Bureau of Voting Systems Certification (BVSC) on or before the submission date as indicated below and provide any update discovered after submission.

**Purpose:** The conduct of election report allows public election inspection and assists the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification with discovering difficulties that were encountered in the current election, with the intent of proactively searching for possible solutions to these problems for future elections.

**Record Retention:** 22 months after certification of election or after the filing date of the last amended report for that election, whichever is later. [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#), Item #144

**Form(s) to be Used:** [DS-DE 81- Conduct of Elections Report](#)

**Submission Date:** At the same time that the official results of an election are certified.

**Submission Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal:  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

If utility unavailable, then submit by:

- Email: [BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com); or
- Mail: Bureau of Voting Systems Certification; R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.

**Instructions:** Complete the [DS-DE 81](#) Conduct of Election Report and submit it as provided above. New or additional information is filed within 10 days after the discovery.



## Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Survey

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| <b>Reference:</b>          | <p>Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) ((52 U.S.C. § 20501 - 52 U.S.C. § 20511)), and the <a href="#">Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act</a> (UOCAVA) (52 U.S.C. § 20301 et seq.) and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act (Pub. L. 111–84, 123 Stat. 2190).</p> <p><a href="#">Section 98.212</a>(2), F.S.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | <p>In 2002, Congress chartered the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to collect information on the state of American elections based on activities under NVRA, HAVA, UOCAVA, and MOVE Act. The information is reported to Congress and is made widely available to policy makers, advocates, scholars, journalists and the general public. The EAC uses the biennial Election Administration and Voting Survey as its primary tool for fulfilling that mission. Additionally, the EAVS is conducted in conjunction with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) which on behalf of the Department of Defense also administers the UOCAVA and MOVE Act.</p> <p>Supervisors of Elections and the Division of Elections must provide the data for the State necessary to respond to the survey per federal and state law.</p> |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | <p>To assess the ongoing process of how elections are faring and how to improve America's election systems based on the data collected and impact of state election laws and procedures on federal elections.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Records Retention:</b>  | <p>No established retention schedule. Retain until obsolete, superseded, or administrative value is lost.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | <p>The EAC provides the survey template with supplemental instructions manual and file upload instructions. Each SOE is responsible for entering county-specific fields of information while the Division collects state-level data.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | <p>The Division requires information from each of the 67 SOEs no later than the first week of January following the general election in November. This earlier submission allows the Division time to data and resolve any questions or issues. The deadline for the Division to respond for the State is no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | <p>Supervisors must submit a completed Excel file format received from the Division. The naming convention for the EAC Survey is <b>XXXXXXXXMMDD_FileType.xlsx (or .xls)</b> depending on your version of Excel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) <b>XXX</b> is the state assigned 3 character county code,</li><li>b) <b>YYYYMMDD</b> is the date you are submitting (Example: 20121210),</li><li>c) FileType is as follows:<br/><b>EAC Survey for Election Assistance Commission Survey</b><br/><b>(Example: LEO20121210_EACSurvey.xlsx)</b></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



## Supervisor of Elections' Guide to the Division of Elections - Reports, Downloads, and Uploads

**Division Contact:** Division of Elections – HAVA Administration 850-245-6200

**Instructions:** Subject to change if EAC changes the survey template into a web-based application or service

This survey collects information on election administration issues in county election offices that are responsible for the administration of federal elections. As such, all data should be reported at the level of the county jurisdiction.

Do not leave items blank – always provide an answer to the question asked using the “Data not available” or “Other” categories, if needed.

Use the “Data not available” box if the question asks for details that are not required by your state law or if the question asks for information that is not currently collected.

You may find it helpful to read an entire section before answering any of the questions in that section.

Please attempt to record data according to the categories as they are identified in the question. If your jurisdiction uses a different data classification scheme (for instance, collects data in such a way that combines two or more categories listed in a question), you can use the space provided for “Other” to provide numbers and details on these categories. Use as many “Other” categories as you need to adequately report the relevant statistics for your jurisdiction. If you enter information into the “Other” field, please use the comments field to provide an explanation for the answer.

Instructions for a specific question often explain that the responses in that question need to equal another response earlier in the survey. For example, A5b, A5c, A5d and A5e should add up to the total entered in A5a. **NOTE: Please double check to make sure the totals are correct.**

Detailed instructions are provided in each section of the survey. The EAC also provides an Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS) Supplemental Instruction Manual for your use.



## Election Results

**References:** [Section 102.112, F.S.](#)

[Section 102.141, F.S.](#)

**Compliance:** Data must be uploaded to the Division of Elections by the appropriate deadlines outlined below. The original certificate must be submitted immediately thereafter.

**Purpose:** To enable the Division of Elections to ascertain election results of state and multicounty candidates.

**Record Retention:** Permanent

**Form(s) to be Used:** Canvass certificates can be generated within the Enight application on the Portal: <https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

**Submission Date:** Unofficial returns are filed no later than noon on the third day after any Primary Election and no later than noon on the fourth day after any General or other election (to include the Presidential Preference Primary). **Unofficial returns must contain the canvass of vote-by-mail and provisional ballots.**

Second unofficial returns (if a recount is ordered by the Secretary of State) are filed no later than 3:00 p.m. on the fifth day after any Primary Election and no later than 3:00 p.m. on the ninth day after any General Election and Presidential Preference Primary.

Official returns are filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh day following a Primary Election and by noon on the twelfth day following the General Election and Presidential Preference Primary.

Note: The Presidential Preference Primary reporting schedule follows the General Election reporting schedule.

**Submission Method:** SOE Portal -<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/> to generate, followed by mail.

Mail: Bureau of Election Records, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0205

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Election Records at 850-245-6240

**Instructions:**

1. Go to the SOE Portal website. User Guide available in portal with complete instructions.
2. The county canvassing board shall make and sign duplicate original certificates and transmit one original to the Division of Elections. **The canvass must be signed by at least two canvassing board members.**

**Note:** Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) election results, except the PPP election night preliminary returns, must be reported by congressional district. This requirement stems from major political parties' rules that award delegates based on wins in congressional districts.



## Official Election Results Database Backup

**References:** [Section 102.141\(10\), F.S](#)

[Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections or designee must provide a copy of the official election database backup to the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification on or before the submission date as indicated below.

**Purpose:** An export file from the official election results database is used by the Division of Elections, the Legislature, and/or Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The results are often included with other statistical information. The content and acceptable format is a backup of the county's post-election database from the voting system.

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#)

Federal Elections) Item #100: 22 months after certification of election.  
State & Local Elections) Item #34: 1 anniversary year after certification of election.

*These records may have archival value. Agencies should ensure appropriate preservation of records determined to have long-term historical value.*

**Submission Date:** At the same time that the official results of an election are certified.

**Submission Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal:  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

If utility is unavailable, then submit by:

- Email: [BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com); or
- Mail: Bureau of Voting Systems Certification, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.

**Instructions:** Create the election database backup from the applicable voting system and submit.



## Overvote/Undervote Report

**References:** [Section 101.595\(1\), F.S](#)

**Compliance:** No later than December 15 of each General Election year, the Supervisor of Elections in each county shall report to the Department of State the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the “President and Vice President” or “Governor and Lieutenant Governor” race that appears first on the ballot or, if neither appears, the first race appearing on the ballot pursuant to Section 101.151(2), F.S., along with the likely reasons for such overvotes and undervotes and other information as may be useful in evaluating the performance of the voting system and identifying problems with ballot design and instructions which may have contributed to voter confusion.

**Purpose:** To enable the Department of State to prepare a public report on the performance of each type of voting system, including an identification of problems with the ballot design or instructions which may have contributed to voter confusion; voting system design problems; and recommendations for correcting any problems identified. The department submits the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 31 of each year following a General Election.

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#)  
Voting System Overvotes/Undervotes Reports Item#163: 1 anniversary year after the information is reported to the Department of State.

**Form(s) to be Used:** [DS-DE 40 General Election Overvotes and Undervotes \(excel spreadsheet\)](#)

**Submission Date:** By December 15 of each General Election year.

**Submission Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal:  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

If utility is unavailable, then submit by:

- Email: [BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com); or
- Mail: Bureau of Voting Systems Certification, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.

**Instructions:** Complete the overvote/undervote form. A summary report should reconcile the overvote/undervote report.



## Petition Signature Verification Reimbursement

**References:** [Section 99.097\(4\), F.S](#)

[1S-2.0091 and 1S-2.045, F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections of each county is required to verify signatures for petitions submitted by a candidate, person, or organization submitting a petition to have an issue placed upon the ballot. The SOE may assess a fee in an amount equal to 10 cents for each name checked or the actual cost of checking such signatures, whichever is less. In those circumstances in which an affidavit of undue burden ([DS-DE 19A](#), [DS-DE 19D](#)) has been filed, no charge is made, however, the SOE may seek reimbursement by submitting the total number of such signatures checked in the county to the Chief Financial Officer no later than December 1 of the general election year. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) must reimburse the SOE from the General Revenue Fund.

Although the statute provides that the SOE is to submit the request for reimbursement to the CFO; upon receipt, the CFO sends the request to the Division of Elections for verification and financial processing. Therefore, to expedite the process, please submit the request to the Division of Elections, which will verify that any candidates who filed with the Division did not have surplus campaign funds available to pay the signature verification fee before forwarding the request to the CFO.

**Purpose:** To reimburse the Supervisor of Elections for signature verification for those candidates, persons, and organizations that have filed an affidavit of undue burden and were unable to pay the signature verification fee.

**Record Retention:** No established election records-specific retention schedule item. Use [General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies](#), Item #365: 5 fiscal years (from reimbursement).

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Date:** By December 1 of the General Election year.

**Submission Method:** Email with scanned attachment: [DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com) or

Mail: Division of Elections, Director's Office, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** Director's Office at 850-245-6200

**Instructions:** 1. Place the reimbursement request on letterhead with any supporting documentation addressed to: Chief Financial Officer, State of Florida, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

2. Mail or email the above request to the Division of Elections, which will then forward the request to the CFO after the Division verifies the request and prepares it for financial processing.



## Post-Election Voting System Audit

**References:** [Section 101.591 F.S.](#)  
[Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) or designee in conjunction with the county canvassing board are required to conduct a public post-election voting system audit and report the results to the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification (BVSC) on or before the submission date as indicated below. Two audit options exist in law: (1) A manual audit based on randomly selected precincts; or (2) An automated independent audit where the audit system is not part of the county's voting system's tabulation device. No audit is required if a manual recount was conducted under section 102.166, F.S.

**Purpose:** To assess and describe any problems or discrepancies encountered, the likely cause of such problems or discrepancies, recommended corrective action with respect to avoiding or mitigating such circumstances in the use and performance of the voting systems in future elections.

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#), Item #160  
2 anniversary years after final audit report submitted to BVSC

**Form(s) to be Used:** [DS DE 105A Manual Audit Team Worksheet](#)  
[DS DE 105B Manual Audit Team Worksheet - Marksense Ballots](#)  
[DS DE 106 - Precinct Summary- Manual Audit](#)  
[DS DE 106A Precinct Summary- AIA](#)  
[DS DE 107 Voting Systems Audit Report](#)

**Submission Date:** Within 15 days after completion of the audit following each certified election.

**Submission Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal:  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

If utility is unavailable, then submit by:

- Email: [BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com); or
- Mail: Bureau of Voting Systems Certification, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at 850-245-6220.

**Instructions:** The county canvassing board conducts a post-election audit to be completed and the results made public no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board or the local board responsible for certifying the election. The submission must include the requisite forms associated with the type of audit conducted (manual: DS-DE 105A, DS-DE 105B, DS-DE 106, and DS-DE 107)/automated independent audit (DS-DE 106A and DS-DE 107).



## Precinct-Level Election Results

**References:** [Section 98.0981\(2\) and \(4\), F.S.](#)

[Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections or designee must provide a copy of the precinct-level results to the Division of Elections on or before the submission date indicated below. All voting systems must produce the precinct-level results that comply with law and rule.

The Division must make the information available for download via its website in a searchable format.

**Purpose:** To ensure uniformity in the manner in which precinct-level election results are reported and made available to the public in an electronic format. The election results contain the precinct numbers and the total number of active registered voters by party for each precinct.

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#)

Election Returns: Precinct (Federal Elections) Item #100  
22 months after certification of election.

Election Returns: Precinct (State & Local Elections) Item #34  
1 anniversary year after certification of election.

*These records may have archival value. Agencies should ensure appropriate preservation of records determined to have long-term historical value.*

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Date:** Within 30 days after the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies the results of a Presidential Preference Primary Election, Special Election, Primary Election, or General Election.

**Submission Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on SOE Portal:  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

**Division Contact:**

- For questions about how to upload or questions concerning the creation of XML files from the vendor system, contact the Bureau of Voting Systems certification at [BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:BVSC.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com) or 850-245-6220.
- For specific XML questions other than the creation of files from the vendor system (see below), contact Janet Modrow at [Janet.Modrow@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Janet.Modrow@dos.myflorida.com) or 850-245-6232.

**Instructions:** The precinct level results must be submitted in the Division's prescribed XML format with groups. The minimum groups are early vote (EV-), Election Day (ED-), vote-by-mail vote (AV-), and provisional vote (PV-). Use the vendor's XML utility that was provided from the Division. Follow the XML utility's manual to produce the results file in the XML format. The file needs to have the .XML file extension before transmitting the file to the Division.



## Reconciliation Report

**References:** [Section 98.0981, F.S.](#)

[Rule 1S-2.053\(7\), F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisors of Elections (SOE) must submit a reconciliation report with voting history after each presidential preference primary, special election, primary election, and general election to the Department of State. The report must reflect the SOE's reconciliation of differences, if any, between the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level elections results versus the aggregate total number of voters with voter history for the election.

The Division of Elections on behalf of the Department of State will include the reconciliation report along with the voting history and voter registration information on voters who were qualified and voted in a compiled elections recap report submitted to the Florida Legislature after each of the above-referenced elections.

**Purpose:** To reconcile differences between precinct-level election results and voter history data

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records](#)

- Election Returns: Precinct (Federal Elections) Item #100 and Voting History (Federal Elections) Item #161: 22 months after certification of election.
- Election Returns: Precinct (State & Local Elections) Item #34 and Voting History (State and Local Elections) Item #162: 1 anniversary year after certification of election.

**Form(s) to be Used:** [DS-DE 141 -Reconciliation Report](#)

**Submission Date:** Within 30 days after certification of election results

**Submission Method:** Email: [DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com)

**Division Contact:** Director's Office at 850-245-6200

**Instructions:** Complete the form and follow the instructions above to submit to the Division.



## Special Election Reimbursement Request

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| <b>References:</b>         | <a href="#">Section 100.102, F.S.</a><br><a href="#">Special Election Reimbursement Requests (DE Guide 0005)</a>                                                                                                     |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | Supervisors of Elections or designees must submit request for reimbursement shortly after special election.                                                                                                          |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | Allows the Division of Elections to reimburse county for costs associated with the special election.                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | No established election records-specific retention schedule item. Use <a href="#">General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies</a> , Item #365: 5 fiscal years (from reimbursement).      |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | None. See <a href="#">Special Election Reimbursement Requests (DE Guide 0005)</a>                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | Request should be submitted shortly after special election based on first-come first-serve payment out of available legislative funds. Satisfaction of requests may roll over into next legislative budgetary cycle. |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | Mail with documentation: Director's Office, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250                                                                                 |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Director's Office at 850-245-6200                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | Follow detailed instructions given in <a href="#">Special Election Reimbursement Requests (DE Guide 0005)</a>                                                                                                        |



## Voter Education Survey

**References:** [Chapter 98.255\(3\), F.S.](#) Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15301)(Part of Section 254(a)(2)-(3))

[Rule 1S-2.033 Standards for Nonpartisan Voter Education Programs](#)

**Compliance:** By December 15 of each general election year, each Supervisor of Elections must report to the Department of State (DOS) a detailed description of the voter education programs implemented and any other information that may be useful in evaluating the effectiveness of voter education efforts and in conjunction with federal, state and county funds used.

The Division of Elections on behalf of DOS must use the findings in these reports as a basis for reexamining and modifying Rule 1S-2.033 to incorporate successful voter education programs and techniques, as necessary.

**Purpose:** To evaluate the effectiveness of voter education efforts and ensures that voters have a working knowledge of the voting process .

**Records Retention:** [General Records Schedule – GS1 – SL #348 Grant Files: Recipient](#)

5 fiscal years after completion of project  
*Supervisors shall keep and maintain accurate and detailed records (e.g. invoices, receipts, and other documentation) sufficient to identify how and whether expenditures were used for authorized purposes, to support financial reporting, and to conduct audits as may be required or requested. Supervisors shall retain these records for five fiscal years after completion of project (including all reporting requirements) in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Financial Services and the Office of the Auditor General. Supervisors shall allow the Department or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General access to such records, including the audit working papers upon request.*

**Form(s) to be Used:** SOE Reports application on the [Portal](#)

**Submission Date:** By December 15 of each General Election year

**Submission Method:** SOE Reports application on the [Portal](#).

**Division Contact:** Division of Elections - HAVA Administration Unit, 850-245-6200

**Instructions:**

1. Navigate to the [SOE Portal](#)
2. Click on the SOE Reports Application
3. Detailed instructions can be found in the [User Guide for the SOE Reports Application](#)



## Voting History Records

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| <b>References:</b>         | <a href="#">Section 98.0981, F.S.</a><br><br><a href="#">Rule 1S-2.043(7), F.A.C. (effective 10/27/2010)</a><br><br><a href="#">Rule 1S-2.053(6) – Election Results, Precinct-Level Election Results, Voting History, and Reconciliation Reporting (effective 7/1/2017)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | <p>Supervisors of Elections must submit voting history data to the Division of Elections (Division) for each presidential preference primary election, special election, primary election, and general election.</p> <p>The Division of Elections on behalf of the Department of State will compile the 67 county's files of official voting history and voter registration information on voters who were qualified and voted in the election and submit the elections recap report to the Florida Legislature after each of the above-referenced elections.</p> |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | <p>To create a statewide database of voter history data and satisfy the requirements to provide an elections recap report to the Florida Legislature regarding voting and voter registration history records after each of the above-referenced elections.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | <a href="#">General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Election Returns: Precinct (Federal Elections) Item 161; 22 months after certification of election.</li><li>• Election Returns: Precinct (State &amp; Local Elections) Item # 162: 1 anniversary year after certification of election.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | See specifications for file format and content in <a href="#">Section 98.0981(1)(d)</a> , F.S.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | Within 30 days after the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies the election results                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | The VH03 files shall be transmitted to the specified VH03 voting history subdirectory under each county's existing transfer directory using secure file transfer protocol.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Director's Office at 850-245-6200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | See <a href="#">Rule 1S-2.053(6)</a> for detailed information on how to format and transmit these files                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



## **Section 5: Bi-Annual and Other Reports**



## Certification Application for Supervisors of Elections for Special Qualification Salary

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| <b>References:</b>         | <a href="#">Section 145.09(3), F.S.</a><br><a href="#">Rule 1S-2.0115, F.A.C.</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | <p>In order to receive an additional \$2,000 per year special qualification salary, a Supervisor of Elections must meet the certification requirements set out in rule. The rule provides requirements for initial and annual certification of Supervisors of Elections for the special qualification salary. In order to receive special qualifications salary, the Supervisor of Elections must submit a completed certification application requesting initial or annual certification by the Division of Elections (Division).</p> <p>The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections develops and administers the statewide open book test for the initial certification and the Division grades the examination. The Division issues the initial or annual certification.</p> |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | To ensure that the SOE satisfies initial and continuing education requirements and receive \$2,000 annually for that effort.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | <p>For SOEs: Use <a href="#">General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government</a> Agencies – 5 fiscal years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Item #195, Payroll Records; Supporting Documents</li><li>• Item #378, Personnel Records; Supplemental Documentation</li></ul> <p>For Division: 6 anniversary years; DOS Internal Retention Schedule Item #000393-0001A</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | <a href="#">DS-DE 69 – Certification Application for Supervisor of Elections for Special Qualification Salary</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | <p>Initial Certification: Requirements must be completed no later than 6 years after first taking office.</p> <p>Recertification: Thirty days prior to the anniversary date; annual recertification.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | <p>Mail: Division of Elections, Director's Office , R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0205; or</p> <p>Fax: 850-245-6217 (must be followed with an original by mail)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Director's Office at 850-245-6200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | Submit completed DS-DE 69 no later than 30 days prior to the date with supporting documentation (advise submitting documentation of attendance throughout the year). For further details, please see <a href="#">Rule 1S-2.0115</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



## Certification of Address List Maintenance Activities

**References:** [Section 98.065, F.S.](#)

[Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C.](#)

**Compliance:** The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) shall certify twice annually that he or she has conducted address list maintenance activities in accordance with law.

**Purpose:** To certify a SOE has conducted activities required under Section 98.065, F.S., to maintain current and accurate residential addresses for registered voters.

**Record Retention:** For SOEs: 2 anniversary years from date of filing; [General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records Item #156](#)

For Division: 1 day after the 2<sup>nd</sup> general election following the due date of the report; DOS Internal Retention Schedule Item #000310-0001a

**Form(s) to be Used:** [DS-DE 117 – Certification of Address List Maintenance Activities](#)

**Submission Date:** No later than July 31 (for the prior January through June).  
No later than January 31 (for the prior July through December)

**Submission Method:** E-Mail as scanned attachment: [BVRSHelp@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:BVRSHelp@dos.myflorida.com); or  
Mail: Bureau of Voter Registration Services, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316,  
500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0205

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voter Registration Services at 850-245-6290

**Instructions:**

1. Record the requested information on form DS-DE 117.
2. Sign and date the form.
3. Send completed form(s).



## Certification of Eligibility Records Maintenance

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| <b>References:</b>         | <a href="#">Section 98.075, F.S</a><br><a href="#">Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Compliance:</b>         | The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) shall certify twice annually that he or she has conducted eligibility records maintenance activities in accordance with law.                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Purpose:</b>            | To certify a SOE has conducted activities required under Section 98.075, F.S., to identify and remove ineligible voters from the voter registration rolls.                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Record Retention:</b>   | For SOEs: 2 anniversary years from date of filing; <a href="#">General Records Schedule - GS3 Election Records Item #156</a><br><br>For Division: 1 day after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> general election following the due date of the report; DOS Internal Retention Schedule Item #000310-0001a |
| <b>Form(s) to be Used:</b> | <a href="#">DS-DE 118 – Certification of Eligibility Records Maintenance</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>    | No later than July 31 (for the prior January through June).<br>No later than January 31 (for the prior July through December).                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Submission Method:</b>  | E-Mail as scanned attachment: <a href="mailto:BVRSHelp@dos.myflorida.com">BVRSHelp@dos.myflorida.com</a> ; or<br>Mail: Bureau of Voter Registration Services, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0205                                      |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>   | Bureau of Voter Registration Services at 850-245-6290                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Instructions:</b>       | 1. Record the requested information on form DS-DE 118.<br>2. Sign and date the form.<br>3. Send completed form(s).                                                                                                                                                                          |



## Eligibility Determining Case Files

**References:** [Section 98.075\(7\), F.S.](#)

Rule [1S-2.041](#), F.A.C.

**Compliance:** The Supervisors of Elections are responsible for ensuring that the voter registration rolls are accurate and current and are required to notify registered voters of potential ineligibility based on credible and reliable information from a variety of federal and state agency sources. The Division of Elections facilitates that process by also examining and creating case files based on credible and reliable information that is then forwarded to the SOE for notice to the voter, opportunity for hearing and final disposition including removal if determined to be ineligible to be registered. The SOE must notify the registered voter of his or her potential ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or information.

**Purpose:** To protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of accurate and current voter registration records. List maintenance activities must be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

**Record Retention:** [General Records Schedule GS 3 Election Records:](#)

- **Voter Registration:** Voter Eligibility Case Files Item #157 (invalid files); 2 anniversary years after case file “closed”
- **Voter Registration;** Voter Eligibility Case Files, Item #158 (valid files) Permanent

**Form(s) to be Used:** Law sets forth the content of the notice to the voter regarding potential ineligibility upon credible and reliable case files whether initiated at the local or state level.

**Submission Date:** Daily

**Submission Method:** SOE File Transfer Utility on the SOE Portal:  
<https://soesecure.elections.myflorida.com/SOEAdminServices/>

**Division Contact:** Bureau of Voter Registration Services at 850-245-6290

**Instructions:** Download the files via the SOE File Transfer Utility



## HAVA Financial Report

### References:

#### Voter Education Grant

- § FY 2003-04
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2003-397, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 2888A
  - Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 39.011, Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments
- § FY 2004-05
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2004-268, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 2871P
  - Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 39.011, Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments
- § FY2005-06
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2005-70, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 2938
  - Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 39.011, Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments
- § FY 2006-07
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2006-25, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3174
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments

#### Poll Worker Training Grant

- § FY 2005-06
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2005-70, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 2939
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, help America Vote Act Requirements Payments
- § FY 2006-07
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2006-25, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3175
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirements Payment

#### Federal Election Activities Grant

- § FY 2007-08
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2007-72, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3257



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- Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments
- § FY 2008-09
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2008-152, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3149
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments
- § FY 2009-10
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2009-81, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3062
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments
- § FY 2010-11
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2010-152, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3164
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments
- § FY 2011-12
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2011-69, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 2941
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments
- § FY 2012-13
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2012-118, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3134
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments
- § FY 2013-14
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3106
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments
- § FY 2014-15
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3097
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments
- § FY 2015-16
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2015-232, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3078
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments

### Ballot on Demand Equipment

- § FY 2007-08
  - Section 11(b)(2), Chapter 2007-30, Laws of Florida
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002



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- CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments

### Optical Scan Voting Systems Equipment

- § FY 2007-08
  - Section 11(a)(2), Chapter 2007-30, Laws of Florida
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payments

### Voting Systems Assistance Grant

- § FY 2004-05
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2004-268, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 2871I
  - Section 101.56062, Florida Statutes (requires accessible voting systems)
  - Section 301(a)(3) Title III of the Help America Vote Act (to meet the accessibility requirements for voters with disabilities)
  - CFDA 39.011, Election Reform Payments
- § FY 2015-16
  - Section 6 of Chapter 2015-232, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3071
  - Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
  - CFDA 90.401, Help America Vote Act Requirement Payment
  - These funds must be expended by December 31 or they shall be returned to the Department.

**Compliance:** The Supervisors of Elections (SOE) must provide the completed report forms along with the required backup on or before December 31.

**Purpose:** Each contract requires SOE to submit a report to the Department of State on or before December 31 every year detailing the actual expenditures of the funds provided. For the Voter Education, Poll Worker Training and Federal Election Activity reports, the types of voter education activities and/or poll worker training activities conducted as well as any voting systems purchased utilizing these funds must be provided. Any interest earned and spent must also be reported.

**Records Retention:** The SOE must keep and maintain accurate and detailed records (e.g., invoices, receipts, and other documentation) sufficient to identify how and whether expenditures were used for authorized purposes, to support financial reporting, and to conduct audits as may be required or requested. The SOE must retain these records in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Financial Services and the Office of the Auditor General for five fiscal years after the last report that all funds have been fully expended or funds are returned by the county, or three years after the date an audit report is issued, whichever is earlier. The SOE must allow the Department or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General access to such records, including the audit working papers upon request.

**Form(s) to be Used:** [DS-DE 128 – HAVA Financial Report](#)



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**Submission Date:** On or before December 31 every year

**Submission Method:** E-mail as scanned attachment: [Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com) or [Ary.Miller@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Ary.Miller@DOS.MyFlorida.com)

Mail: Division of Elections, HAVA Administration Unit, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** HAVA Administration Unit 850-245-6200

**Instructions:** Pursuant to the contract, with the exception of the FY2015-16 Voting Systems Assistance contract, the funds do not have to be used within a particular time period and may be retained in an interest-bearing account for future voter education, poll worker training or federal election activities. The funds must be used for the same purposes for subsequent years until such funds are expended. However, Supervisors must continue to report on or before December 31 each year covering the expenditures made between October 1 through September 30 of the preceding year as long as any funds provided under each agreement remain. These reports will be compared to the grant plans provided by the county. All plans must have prior approval from the Division.



## HAVA Funds Remaining Balance as of June 30 Report

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| <b>References:</b>        | Section 6 of Chapter 2008-152, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3149<br>Section 6 of Chapter 2009-81, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3062<br>Section 6 of Chapter 2010-152, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3164<br>Section 6 of Chapter 2011-69, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 2941<br>Section 6 of Chapter 2012-118, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3134<br>Section 6 of Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3106<br>Section 6 of Chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3097<br>Section 6 of Chapter 2015-232, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 3078                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Compliance:</b>        | Supervisors must provide the completed report forms as stated in the Federal Election Activities Grant Memorandum of Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Purpose:</b>           | Supervisors of Elections shall report to the Department of State any unspent federal funds, required county matching funds and interest earned from the funds provided under the agreement. Counties must report balances unspent on or before the due date provided in the Federal Election Activities Grant Memorandum of Agreement until funds are fully expended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Forms to be used:</b>  | DS-DE 129 (will be sent to each county by Division before due date)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Records Retention:</b> | The Supervisor shall keep and maintain accurate and detailed records (e.g., invoices, receipts, and other documentation) sufficient to identify how and whether expenditures were used for authorized purposes, to support financial reporting, and to conduct audits as may be required or requested. The Supervisor shall retain in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Financial Services and the Office of the Auditor General these records for five fiscal years after the last report that all funds have been fully expended or funds are returned by the county, or three years after the date an audit report is issued, whichever is earlier. The Supervisor shall allow the Department or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General access to such records, including the audit working papers upon request. |
| <b>Submission Date:</b>   | Annually by July 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Submission Method:</b> | E-mail (preferred): <a href="mailto:Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com">Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Ary.Miller@DOS.MyFlorida.com">Ary.Miller@DOS.MyFlorida.com</a><br>or<br>Mail: Division of Elections<br>HAVA Administration Unit,<br>R.A. Gray Building, Room 316<br>500 South Bronough Street<br>Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Division Contact:</b>  | HAVA Administration Unit, 850-245-6200                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Instructions:</b>      | Complete the form for all HAVA Grants with a balance of any unspent federal, county match and earned interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



## Health and Human Services (HHS) Financial Reports

- References:** Title II, Subtitle D, part II of the Help America Vote Act (42 USC 15421) The Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Compliance:** Supervisors must provide the completed report form on or before October 31.
- Purpose:** Supervisors of Elections shall report to the Department of State every year confirming the actual dollar amount of funds received.
- Records Retention:** The Supervisor shall keep and maintain accurate and detailed records sufficient to demonstrate its compliance with the terms of this agreement. The Supervisor shall retain these records for five fiscal years in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Financial Services and the Office of the Auditor General, or three years after the date an audit report is issued, whichever is later, and the Recipient shall allow the Department or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General access to such records, including access to the audit working papers upon request.
- Form(s) to be Used:** Report forms are provided by the Division of Elections to those counties which received reimbursement from this grant during the prior county fiscal year.
- Submission Date:** On or before October 31 every year
- Submission Method:** E-mail (preferred): [Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Althera.Johnson@DOS.MyFlorida.com) or [Ary.Miller@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:Ary.Miller@DOS.MyFlorida.com)  
or  
Mail: Division of Elections  
HAVA Administration Unit,  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250
- Division Contact:** HAVA Administration Unit, 850-245-6200
- Instructions:** The amount of county reimbursements recorded in our records will be listed on the reporting form. Review the amount on the reporting form. If the amounts listed are correct, please sign and return the completed form to the Division of Elections. Since this is a reimbursement grant, there is not a need to detail the items purchased. We only need to confirm the dollar amount received.



## Unused Election Materials Destruction Requests

**References:** [Section 101.545, F.S.](#)

**Compliance:** All unused ballots, forms, and other election materials may, with the approval of the Department of State, be destroyed by the Supervisor of Elections after the election for which such ballots, forms, or other election materials were to be used.

**Purpose:** To eliminate unused ballots, forms, or other election materials that were not used in an election.

**Record Retention:** These records are not public records. - may be disposed of upon a written approval of request to dispose.

**Form(s) to be Used:** N/A

**Submission Date:** As the custodian of records deems necessary.

**Submission Method:** Email: [DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com](mailto:DO.Reports@DOS.MyFlorida.com); or  
Mail: Director's Office, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Division Contact:** Director's Office at 850-245-6200

**Instructions:**

1. The Supervisor of Elections or custodian of records (in some cases, city clerks, town clerks, etc.) submits to the Division of Elections a request to destroy unused election materials from an election. The request should include the name and date of the election (i.e., *August 24, 2010, Orange County Primary Election*). The request may be submitted immediately after an election, but the division will not approve it until after the contest of election period has passed.
2. After approval from the division, the custodian may dispose of records however he or she deems necessary. A copy of the approval letter should be placed in the custodian's files and maintained according to records retention schedules for correspondence.